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There is £22,000 available to be won in *The Times* Portfolio competition on Saturday (there is no publication tomorrow); the weekly prize of £20,000 and the daily £2,000. Yesterday's £2,000 prize was won by Mr. Benedict Hopkins, of London. Today's prizes list, page 22; rules, back page Information Service.

A30 bypass proposal rejected

The Department of Transport plan to route the A30 Okehampton bypass through a corner of Dartmoor National Park has been overturned by a committee from both Houses of Parliament. Conservationists were delighted but Okehampton's traffic congestion remains a problem.

Nine police die

Nine police were killed when separatist guerrillas set off mines under two Jeeps in Sri Lanka's Eastern Province. Tourists in danger, page 8

Teachers backed

The education authority in Newcastle upon Tyne has called for a better pay offer for teachers, many of whom have been taking industrial action after rejecting a 4 per cent.

MP to retire

Mr Richard Wainwright, aged 67, Liberal MP for Colne Valley and the party's spokesman on economics, is to retire at the next General Election.



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In common with other national newspapers, *The Times* will not be published tomorrow, Good Friday.

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'Subversive' public employees to be barred

By Anthony Bevis and Philip Webster

The Prime Minister last night announced a sweeping crackdown on government security, with an extension of ministerial powers to weed out potential security risks in the Civil Service and the public service, including British Telecom, the Post Office and private companies working on classified government contracts.

After Mrs Margaret Thatcher had replied to a written Commons question, deliberately planned for answer on the eve of her departure for South-east Asia, Number 10 last night released a limited number of copies of a revised policy for the employment of people on work "the nature of which is vital to the security of the state".

Whitehall sources said that there were no substantial changes. However, a comparison with the old rules, published in 1957, showed that the definition of security risk had been considerably widened to include "subversives", and the scope for action had been considerably widened to include all people in the "public service", including civilian employees of private companies.

Under the 1957 rules ministers had power to suspend from security-sensitive work, pending examination of the decision by three independent advisers, Civil Servants with communist or fascist associations or sympathies, or susceptible to pressure from them.

Under the new rules the Prime Minister has decided that the suspension power can apply to anyone who "is, or has recently been, a member of a communist or fascist organization, or a subversive group, acknowledged as such by the minister, whose aims are to undermine or overthrow parliamentary democracy in the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland by political, industrial or violent means", or has been associated with members or sympathizers of such groups or is susceptible to pressure from them.

Aerospace factory faces closedown

By Jonathan Davis, Business Correspondent

The Government yesterday formally launched the next big step in its privatization programme, the disposal of its remaining 48 per cent holding in British Aerospace, Britain's largest aircraft, missile and satellite manufacturer.

The draft prospectus for the issue, the first since the record-breaking British Telecom flotation last year, indicates that the Government is hoping to raise about £400 million from the sale next month.

The prospectus also gives a warning, however, that British Aerospace's aircraft factory at Prestwick, near Glasgow, could face closure as a result of the Government's decision to review the future of Prestwick airport.

The future of the airport, a consistent loss-maker, has been in the balance since last year, and a Government decision is expected in the next few weeks. British Aerospace employs more than 1,800 people at

Prestwick, which produces its famous Jetstream commuter aircraft. It uses the airfield for test flights, and leases most of its production facilities from the British Airports Authority.

The prospectus highlights the fact that Prestwick could be closed to commercial air traffic from next year, and says that this would have a "serious impact" on the aircraft factory. The company's top management made it clear yesterday that this could mean transferring part or all of the Jetstream work to other company airfield sites.

The British Aerospace share sale is scheduled for early next month. The sale of the Government shares will be combined with simultaneous issue of new shares by the company, which will raise about £200 million for its own account.

The exact date of the issue and the final offer price have not been fixed.

Khartoum cut off after troops halt rally

Khartoum was cut off from the outside world last night after police backed by troops, had broken up and halted another big demonstration against the increasingly unpopular government of Sudan's President Gaafar Nimeiry (Michael Prest writes).

The demonstration, which was reportedly bigger than a pro-government rally of about 3,000 people organized by the authorities on Tuesday, was led by doctors, engineers and other

professional groups. Shop and office workers and students also participated.

Telephone and telefax links from Khartoum were cut at about noon but it was unclear whether the authorities were responsible or the telecommunications workers had gone on strike.

The protest was mainly peaceful. The demonstrators intended to hand in a petition of grievances at the People's Palace.

Barclays and Midland cut rate to 13 1/4%

Barclays and Midland have cut their base interest rates by a quarter of a percentage point to 13 1/4 per cent. Lloyds and National Westminster cut their rates by a half point last week, to 13 per cent.

The big four are rarely out of line with one another for long and the banks will be watching the trends to see how they should align themselves.

The Bank of England is concerned about the pace of bank lending, which has been rising at an annualized rate of 20 per cent recently.

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Princess Michael: eating happily



An Israeli soldier leading a Lebanese prisoner, with hands bound, from the Ansar camp in south Lebanon yesterday.

Colleague tells Bishop of Durham to resign

By Clifford Longley, Religious Affairs Correspondent

The Bishop of Norwich, the Rt Rev Maurice Wood, yesterday called on the Bishop of Durham, the Rt Rev David Jenkins, to resign as a bishop. Speaking in Norwich, the bishop referred to the Bishop of Durham's Easter message in his diocesan newsletter, and said: "If he is reported correctly, and if these are his considered views, and if he cannot unreservedly preach this Easter weekend that Christ... was buried and that he rose on the third day, according to the scriptures, then surely I believe he should resign his bishopric and return to his academic work."

Since the controversy over the Bishop of Durham's views on the Resurrection and Virgin Birth broke out nearly a year ago this is the first occasion on which another bishop has demanded his resignation.

Bishop Jenkins, the Bishop of Norwich said, had made two recent statements that called in question "the very heart of the Christian Gospel, the Resurrection of Christ."

He had said that it was "a feasible explanation" that the disciples had stolen the body, which Bishop Wood called "the very lie that the enemies of Jesus paid the soldiers to put out."

He said that unless the historical miracle that God raised Jesus from the dead took place, then the Gospel is false and the Apostles were lying. He said he recognized the honesty of the Bishop of Durham, in refusing to conceal his views.

The Bishop of Norwich quoted from an article in *The Times* (Dilemma over doubting bishops, April 1), which persuaded him that the Bishop of Durham should go.

Clifford Longley, the Religious Affairs Correspondent of *The Times*, wrote an article... which puts not just the new Bishop of Durham but the rest of us bishops in the dock, through guilt by association, unless we openly disavow the Bishop of Durham's doubts.

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Working Lords list announced Peers chosen to avoid by-election

By Philip Webster, Political Reporter

Downing Street yesterday announced a list of 12 new working peers which Whitehall sources admitted reflected the Prime Minister's wish to avoid by-elections.

Senior Conservative MPs were not considered for inclusion in the list, drawn up after a request by Mr Neil Kinnock for an increase in Labour's strength in the Lords, which comprises six new Conservative peers, five Labour and one Social Democrat.

With the opinion polls registering a drop in support for the Conservatives, it was said yesterday on Mrs Thatcher's behalf that she had deliberately sought not to create the opportunity for by-elections, and that eligible Tory MPs should therefore not feel upset at not being elevated.

Mrs Thatcher's opposition to by-elections, despite the Government's huge Commons majority, is so steadfast that senior Cabinet ministers believe it will shape her deliberations for her next major reshuffle expected in the autumn, and that if she decides to bring the long tenure of Lord Hailsham as Lord Chancellor to an end he will not be replaced by any of her Commons ministers.

That would rule out Sir Michael Havers, the Attorney General, and Sir Geoffrey Howe, the Foreign Secretary.

Most of the new Labour peers were disclosed in *The Times* last week. The new peers are: Mr Charles Williams; Mr Bernard Donoghue; Mr Samuel Silkin;

Mr Hugh Morton; Mrs Muriel Turner; Sir William Elliott; Sir Marcus Kimball; Sir Russell Sanderson; Sir Leonard Wolfson; Mr John Butterworth; Miss Gloria Hooper and Mr Richard Crawshaw.

The list was the third during Mrs Thatcher's premiership. In 1981, eight Conservative, six Labour and one Liberal peers were created and in December 1982 five Conservatives and four Labour peers were created.

Falling support for the Conservative Party reflected in recent polls is confirmed today in a study of the most recent local by-election results.

The survey, in the *New Statesman*, indicates that the anti-Conservative vote is no longer splitting between Alliance and Labour parties as consistently as in the past, but that non-Conservative voters are often mobilizing behind the party they believe has the better chance of beating the Tory.

The study, of 41 local contests, 30 of them in three-cornered, puts the Alliance ahead. It won 26,252 votes in those seats (32.6 per cent), the Conservatives 23,898 (32.1 per cent) and Labour 24,049 (29.9 per cent).

The result, according to the journal's political editor, Mr Peter Kellner, is slightly misleading because a high proportion of the Alliance successes were in seats where they were already, particularly in the outer London boroughs, well in second place to the Tories.

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Gallery fails in bid for £2.2m Reni

By Geraldine Norman, Sale Room Correspondent

The National Gallery and the National Portrait Gallery said later that it had been the underbidder on the bust, acting through the agency of Leggett Brothers, the dealers, and with a promise of financial help from the National Heritage Memorial Fund. It said: "The gallery would be deeply grateful if the new owner were willing to offer this highly important object to them."

One of Christie's sales clerks was the successful bidder on the bust but would not name his client.

The National Gallery also drew attention to the fact that it had been represented at Sotheby's sale and was very interested in buying the picture by Reni. "It highlights the problem of the cut in our grant," Sir Michael Levey, the director, said yesterday.

The gallery has only £2.75 million for the whole of 1985-86.

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Princess opens roadside cafe

Princess Michael of Kent, who has boasted that she "will go anywhere for a hot meal" turned up yesterday to open officially a Happy Eater roadside cafe.

She added the royal seal of approval to the restaurant's fast food menu and confessed, "I love hamburgers, beans and chips."

But the Princess declined to taste a specially grilled burger and instead sat down to a three-course meal of smoked salmon, poission and an exotic fruit salad prepared by outside caterers.

She said afterwards: "I like hamburgers but I might have gone a bit easy on the chips if I'd had them. I like them but my shape doesn't."

Princess Michael was flown in by helicopter to open the fifth Happy Eater restaurant beside the A3 at Wisley, near Guildford, Surrey, and present a sunshine coach from the Variety Club of Great Britain to a school for mentally handicapped children.

She joined the boys and girls from the Peter Kirk School of Stansford, Mountfitchet, near Ware, Hertfordshire, and made 15-year-old Melanie Dudman's day by agreeing to pose for a personal photograph.

Lunch was held in a marquee adjoining the restaurant and

Mr Michael Pickard, chairman of Happy Eater told her: "I must assure you that we tried to produce nearly as good a meal as you would have got in the restaurant itself. I hope second best is OK."

He presented her with a "goodie bag" of hats, T-shirts and badge for her children. Lord Frederick Windsor, who celebrates his sixth birthday on Saturday, and Lady Gabriella Windsor, who will be four on April 24.

The occasion was arranged by Mr David Wynne-Morgan who lives within two miles of the Princess's home in Gloucestershire.

Chorus of defiance as Israel frees 750

From Christopher Walker, Ansar, south Lebanon

Armed Israeli prison camp guards yesterday looked on in anger and bewilderment as more than 700 Shia Muslims were driven to freedom under Red Cross supervision screaming Islamic defiance and their determination to keep fighting Israel.

As their open lorries approached the entrance of the camp Israel has maintained here since 1982, the released men taunted their captors with a rhythmic Arabic chant.

"We have got the bombs. We have got the rockets. They are shouting in unison. 'We are with Khomeini all the way to Jerusalem.' Those whose hands were not bound raised their fingers in the victory sign.

Israel's sudden decision to dismantle the grim hillside camp and its watchtowers is the firmest evidence that the withdrawal from Lebanon is in its final stages. During the day, some 200 heavy Israeli trucks could be seen queuing at the border, ready to carry away essential installations.

A total of 752 of the camp's 1800 prisoners was set free as Israeli troops began dismantling the camp.

The International Committee of the Red Cross yesterday said in Geneva that the transfer of detainees to Israel violates the Fourth Geneva Convention on protection of civilians, which prohibits individual or mass forcible transfers of "protected persons" from occupied areas to the territory of the occupying power.

Israel has said that the men will "eventually be taken back to Lebanese territory, to a new camp now being built", and Professor Ruth Lapidoth, of the Hebrew University in Jerusalem, said that such an evacuation was legal in the interest of the prisoners' safety for "imperative military reasons".

ding the tented camp which many admit has long provided Israelis with disturbing associations with the treatment of their own people in Europe.

"It has been a lousy job," said Yess, the young Israeli camp commander. "But today, I feel great."

All the freed men were smartly dressed in blue and white army track suits, and many clutched letters in Arabic handed out by the guards. "You are being released today, although you have committed crimes," it says. "You are being given a chance to live peacefully with your loved ones."

The letter, drafted in cooperation with Israeli Intelligence, concluded with a stern warning: "We know all about you. We shall be watching your steps very carefully and you can be sure that if you do anything that will endanger our security, we can find a way to deal with you."

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Minister hastens pace for selling off £27bn water boards

By Anthony Bevis, Political Correspondent

The Government yesterday announced that it was giving priority to the sale of the water authorities.

A discussion paper sent to water authority chairman at the start of the week says: "The privatization of the water authorities, with their total assets valued in excess of £27,000 million and a total workforce in excess of 52,000 would mean a substantial enhancement of the private sector."

It also says: "Because of the benefits that privatization can bring, the Government would like to make early progress and would welcome comments as quickly as possible."

Mr Ian Gow, Minister of State for the Environment, is hoping for initial reactions

within two months. He will issue firm proposals for wider consultation before seeking legislation but the pace and tone of proceedings indicate a determination to act quickly.

The discussion paper says that the authorities' operational activities, the supply of water, the treatment and disposal of waste, are the most easily capable of privatization.

But it adds: "It would be consideration whether river management, nature conservation, fisheries, amenity and recreation, navigation, land drainage, flood protection and sea defence would best be retained as public sector functions, or whether it is practicable for them to be imposed as obligations upon the private sector operational bodies, with

provision for the setting and policing of these obligations externally."

The paper also discusses the independent regulation of a privatized industry, to ensure that there is no exploitation of the monopoly service to over-charge customers or to reduce standards of service.

"It is for consideration whether a water regulatory body should be a national body; national body working through regional offices; a network of regional bodies mirroring the operational structure of the industry; an adjunct of central government; or could be secured by other means such as the use of the Monopolies and Mergers Commission or Office of Fair Trading suitably expanded.

City increases rate by record 43%

By Hugh Clayton, Local Government Correspondent

Birmingham City Council decided yesterday on a record rate rise of 43 per cent that could add £100 to an average household rate bill.

Mr Dick Knowles, Labour leader of the council, said that the city had been stripped of resources by the Government and by the Conservative councillors who had run the authority until last May.

The decision was attacked by the West Midlands region of the Confederation of British Industry, which said that there would be a drastic impact on jobs. The final increases after including the West Midlands County Council precept will be 37 per cent for households and 32 per cent for industry.

The city's decision underlined the isolation of the few Labour councils which are still trying to extract spending concessions from the Government by delaying the fixing of rates. The rate-capped Labour council in Sheffield voted again yesterday not to fix a rate.

Mr Neville Bosworth, Conservative leader of Birmingham council until last May said that leading businesses with large workforces in the city would face steep increases. The Austin Rover group's bill would rise by £1.7 million and GKN's by almost £400,000.

Birmingham is not rate capped, and its decision goes against the policy of capped councils. That is to try to win extra Government grant to keep rate rises down to the level of increase in the cost of living.

The capped Hackney council in London lost a key case in the High Court yesterday. But Mr Justice Woolf made no order to force the council to fix a legal rate immediately. He said instead that its policy of delaying a rate until the

Government offered spending concessions was unjustified.

"It is with great reluctance that the court would make an order against a local authority, bearing in mind that it is a democratically elected body," the judge said. But he would have to issue an order if no rate had been indicated when he returned to the case on April 16.

Mr Kenneth Baker, Minister for Local Government, said in the Commons later: "I hope this period of illegality will now come to an end."

But Miss Hilda Kean, Labour leader of Hackney council, said that it was not necessarily illegal to delay a rate. "The judge will be back in court on the sixteenth giving an order or not and giving us his reasons."

The Labour line on rate capping was reduced to a state of confusion yesterday after MPs had staged a left-right confrontation on the issue at a private Commons meeting.

Last year's party conference gave outright backing to any council "forced to break the law as a result of Tory government policies".

Last week's Labour national executive, which includes Mr Neil Kinnock and Mr Roy Hattersley, unanimously agreed a statement which said: "We support those authorities who have not yet set a rate, in line with the Labour Party policy of non-compliance with Tory policy of cuts in jobs and services."

But at yesterday's meeting of the Parliamentary Labour Party the leadership defeated a left-wing resolution in support of rate-capped councils "who have demonstrated their refusal to comply with the Government's attacks on housing, jobs and services and consequently have refused to set a rate".

Tory students vote in more right-wingers

Conference splits into three factions

By Rupert Morris

The intervention of Mr John Gummer, Conservative Party chairman, in the affairs of the Federation of Conservative Students is no guarantee that the leopard will change its spots.

Election results published yesterday show that the 14,000-strong body has overwhelmingly voted for officers who espouse many of the controversial right-wing "libertarian" ideas which have embarrassed the party leadership.

At their most extreme, these ideas include the legalization of marijuana, heroin and child sex and support for anti-democratic regimes in South Africa and Chile. Much of the federation's controversial foreign affairs material was prepared by Mr David Kolbe, the newly elected senior vice-chairman.

Mrs Edwina Currie, one of the most dynamic new Conservative MPs and by no means a "wet", was defeated in the ballot for vice-president by the more solidly right-wing Mr Neil Hamilton and Mr Alan Howard.

The reason for her defeat would appear to be her advocacy of Conservatives working within the National Union of Students, rather than withdrawing from it.

One of the most significant aspects of the federation's annual conference at Loughborough has been the appearance of a three-way split between the "libertarian" right, some of whom call themselves "radical Thatcherites", the "party faction", loyal to the national leadership, and the Conservative Student Unionists, influenced by the Tory Reform Group and regarded as being on the left of the party.

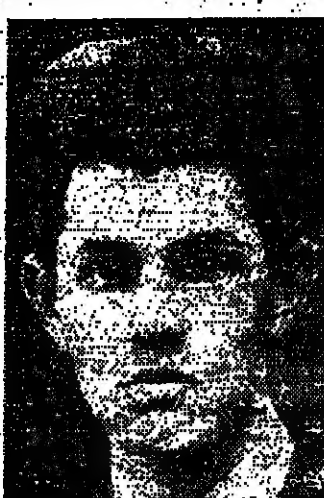
The "libertarian" right has working-class origins. No longer do young Conservative students wear tweeds, cravats and grey flannels. Many wear suits cut in a fashionable American style or jeans, T-shirts and bomber jackets.

Mr Mark MacGregor, a snappily-dressed young man overwhelmingly elected to succeed his "libertarian" predecessor as federation chairman, Mr Marc-Henri Glendening, was disappointed at Mr Gummer's intervention, although it delighted the "wets" and the "party faction".

He said: "Unfortunately, many of our supporters will see



Mr MacGregor: new chairman.



Mr Smith: new vice-chairman.



Mr Glendening: former chairman.



Mr Hoiler: senior vice-chairman.



Scots delegates expelled from conference (from left): Mr Blair Wilson, Mr David Dodds and Mr Donald Stewart.

this as a move against the leaders they have elected. Our supporters are from working-class backgrounds, and the party establishment seems to feel that we don't quite fit in."

Mr Douglas Smith, another leading "libertarian", elected vice-chairman, said: "They don't like the way we talk, or the way we dress."

Interim postal deal

By David Felton, Labour Correspondent

Crucial decisions about the future of Britain's postal system will be taken at a union conference in six weeks after a compromise deal to avert immediate industrial action.

Leaders of the Union of Communication Workers will be told today that their officials have worked out an interim deal to save off the Post Office's intention to introduce unilateral changes in working practices.

A meeting of the union's postal committee heard details yesterday of negotiations

between the union and the Post Office after the return to work by 2,400 union members at the Mount Pleasant sorting office.

In a separate development, the Post Office agreed to lift for one week the injunction it won on Monday which outlawed industrial action by the union in any of its operations without a ballot of those involved.

The immediate impact of that decision is that the new coding machine at Mount Pleasant, which was at the centre of a 24-hour walkout on Monday, will operate normally.

£162,500 for man paralysed by fall

A shopfitter who was paralysed from the waist down in an accident at work, was awarded £162,500 damages in the High Court yesterday, half an agreed figure, because of his contributory negligence.

Mr Graham Walkey, aged 41, of Marlborough Gardens, Malvern, Hereford and Worcester, fell eight feet from scaffolding in June 1976 while fixing window frames to a shop front. He sued Alstair Ltd, of Ashleworth, Gloucestershire, the firm that had contracted him to do the job.

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Polys want standards vetted by an ombudsman

By Karen Gold of the Times Higher

Educational Supplement

Polytechnic directors want the Government to establish a polytechnic ombudsman to monitor standards and to be the last resort of appeal for students, outside organizations and the Government.

The ombudsman would be modelled on the health service and local authority ombudsman, with back-up organizations and powers to appoint outsiders such as HM Inspectors to investigate complaints and courses. The post would have statutory base, either by law or ministerial order in Parliament.

The chairman of the Committee of Directors of Polytechnics, Mr Harry Law, said: "It would be a very successful device to ensure that the quite justifiable reassurances which the public and Government might seek could be obtained."

Directors of Britain's 30 polytechnics, meeting in Portsmouth for their annual conference, accepted the proposal in a number of measures to enforce standards.

The legal restrictions which prevent polytechnics and other higher education colleges from selling to industry research inventions and other services are to be lifted (Our Science Editor writes).

The new legislation put to Parliament yesterday in the Further Education Bill, gives the centres of higher education which come under local authorities the freedom allowed to universities.

Further Education Bill, (Stationery Office, £1.75.)

Technology dispute in print unions

By Paul Routledge

An inter-union dispute is building up within the provincial newspaper industry over the representation of print workers affected by the move to new technology.

Only hours before the National Graphical Association announced details yesterday of a new deal at the Bolton Evening News, leaders of Sogat 82 said that "direct input" work handled by tele-aid operators and copywriters, whose text can be put straight into a computer, was a natural progression of the work carried out by their members.

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Two killed by IRA car bomb in Newry

From Richard Ford Belfast

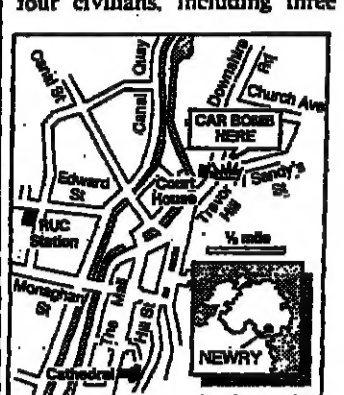
Mr Douglas Hurd, Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, will face strong unionist demands at Westminster today for tougher security after the deaths of two men in a Provisional IRA car bomb attack in the border town of Newry, Co Down.

"Loyalist" politicians claim that financial stringency is restricting the security forces' fight against terrorism.

The car bomb, which exploded outside Newry court-house, contained 5lb of commercial explosives wrapped with shrapnel.

It killed full-time Royal Ulster Constabulary Reserve Constable Michael Kay, aged 38, married with a son aged eight, and Mr Ken Parry, aged 55, a married man working as a security official at the court-house.

Five other police officers and four civilians, including three



women, were injured, none seriously, when the terrorists, hiding in a house on a hill overlooking the court, detonated the bomb.

Mr Kay, from Banbridge, Co Down, was a former soldier from Blackburn who joined the RUC 10 months ago. Mr Parry was an Englishman who lived in Newry.

The terrorists set up their ambush on Tuesday night when two armed men burst into the terrace home of a man aged 70 and held him hostage overnight.

A nationalist-controlled council in Northern Ireland has been found guilty of religious discrimination against a former Protestant employee, by the Fair Employment Agency.

The irony of Derry City Council being branded as discriminatory is that for years nationalists in Londonderry complained that unionists, when they controlled the council, discriminated against Roman Catholics.

Yesterday's findings are embarrassing for the ruling Social Democratic and Labour Party, which has demanded a strengthening of the agency to enable it to eliminate discrimination.

The 12 new peers



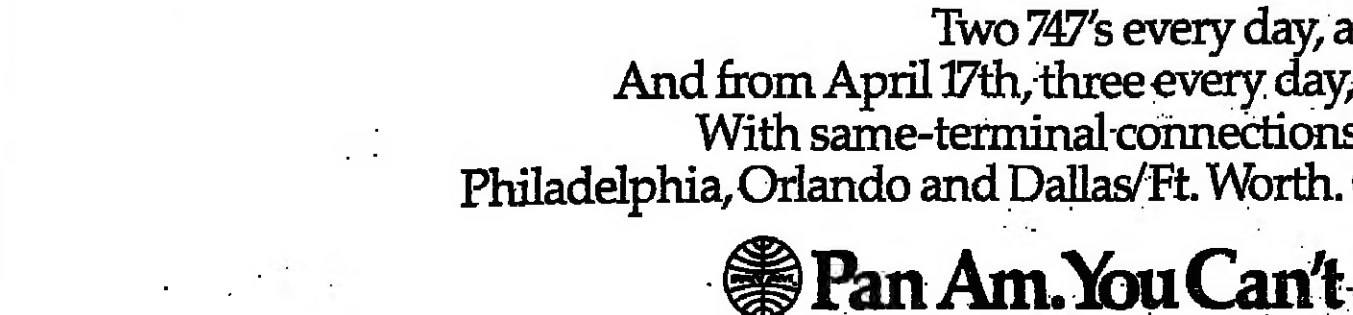
Sir Marcus Kimball, who was MP for Gainsborough, is one of the Conservative peers.



Mr Richard Crawshaw, aged 67, former MP for Liverpool, Toxteth, who left the Labour Party to join the SDP.



Mr Samuel Sillit, aged 67, the former Labour MP for Dulwich and Attorney General from 1974 to 1979.



Mr Bernard Donoghue, aged 50, head of research and investment at Griverson Grant.



Mr Muriel Turner, aged 62, assistant general secretary of the Association of Scientific, Technical Managerial Staffs.

Both sides claim win after hunt case

From Tim Jones, Bristol

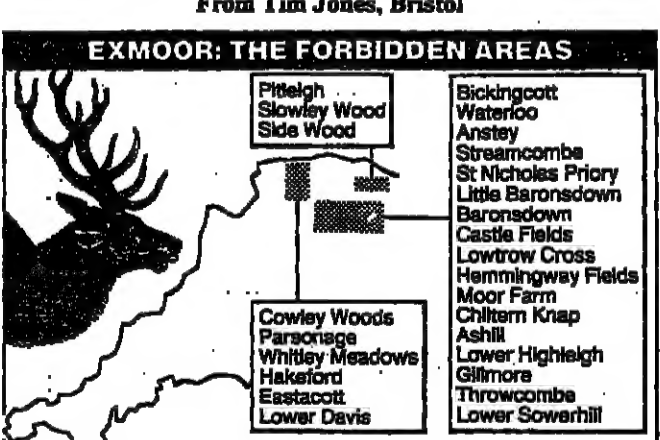
Both sides in the hunting war were claiming victory last night after examining the judgement of Mr Justice Park, who concluded that they had both won and lost.

The League against Cruel Sports claimed that his ruling would soon banish field sports in England and Wales for ever. Dozens of farmers, it said had telephoned to ask them how their land could be banished from their land.

But field sports enthusiasts said the league had won only a minor victory which would have little or no effect.

After the 12 day hearing at Bristol Crown Court Mr Justice Park awarded damages of £180 on Tuesday to the league for seven cases of trespass by the Devon and Somerset Stag Hounds on five of its properties and granted a permanent injunction restraining the hunt or agents from entering the 27-acre Pitleigh sanctuary.

But hunt officials pointed out that the injunction granted to the league, which owns 2,000 acres of the 300,000-acre hunt on Exmoor, was qualified and limited referring specifically only to a 27 acre plot owned by the league.



Exmoor land owned by the league.

They were confident that if a hunt master did his best to prevent hounds from straying on to forbidden land he could not be made civilly liable for trespass.

The league had sought to establish that if any hounds entered its land their owners could be guilty of trespass.

But a hunt spokesman said the judgement meant that objectors would have to prove that the master either intended that the hounds should go on to the land or had failed to take

all reasonable care to prevent such entry.

"Accordingly, if a master does his best to prevent the hounds entering forbidden land the law will prevent him. Hunt officials will do their best to prevent any such entry as they have always done."

Mr Peter Atkinson, of the British Field Sports Society, said: "This was a significant case for field sports in that an attempt to seriously restrict hunting failed. We now have an

up to date judgement which clearly defines the rights of hunters in relation to the law of trespass."

Any master may now hunt hounds with confidence knowing that he would only be guilty of trespass if he encouraged hounds to trespass on land, or failed to take adequate steps to stop them entering ground on which they were not welcome.

"The league had hoped for an injunction so restricting masters that they could be in contempt of court if one hound put even as much as a pad on land where they were not welcome."

Hunt officials said the hunt would still meet in the vicinity of Pitleigh while taking all proper care to prevent any trespass.

Mr Richard Course, for the league, said: "We will act within the law to prevent hunting on prohibited land, using this ruling as our precedent."

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Prince accuses 'greedy' farmers of causing damage to countryside

By John Young, Agriculture Correspondent

The Prince of Wales yesterday strode firmly and, as some countryside debate by declaring that many "fascinating places", including wetlands, moorlands and hedgerows, were being destroyed by the greed of some farmers.

Speaking as the Duke of Cornwall, one of Britain's largest landowners, he told a conference on future land use at Seale Hayne Agricultural College, Devon, that years of maximizing production had led to butter mountains, milk lakes and surpluses of just about every main commodity.

"Food surpluses have gained but the countryside and the nation have been the losers," he said.

"It would be foolish not to remind ourselves that for many years times have been very good," he said. "Some of us indeed may have become a little profligate in our attitudes."

In response to stimuli, we have come to look on the land as an almost endless source of increasing income without too much regard for the old

conventional view of giving back to the land.

The Prince, who last year started a controversy in the architectural world by describing the then proposed extension to the National Gallery as a "monstrous carbuncle", has in this case done no more than echo a widely-held view.

But his reference to "greed" is bound to be taken amiss in some quarters, particularly because of his known interest in organic farming methods.

The Prince commended farmers who sought supplementary means of boosting their incomes; what in the jargon was called multiple job-holding.

Many farmers in the south-west were no strangers to bed and breakfast and cream teas, leisure activities, light industry and forestry. But there were also possibilities of part-time employment in the service industries.

"Farmers in the United Kingdom are traditionally very single-minded and tend to regard part-time farmers as people who have failed to make a living from farming", he said.

"I believe that this is an attitude which should be changed."

Mr Simon Gourlay, deputy president of the National Farmers' Union, said last night that he did not see the Prince's speech as a farmer-bashing exercise.

"Nor do we see the issue as a question of greed", he said.

The industry has responded to the stimuli which he himself mentioned, and the result has been a tremendous increase in production in the past 40 years.

Yet another record grain harvest is in prospect this year, according to the latest issue of *Big Farm Weekly*.

The magazine claims to have seen a confidential document sent to members of the Home-Grown Cereals Authority, which forecasts a combined wheat and barley crop of between 24.6 million and 29.5 million tonnes.

Last year's harvest of wheat, barley, maize and oats, which far exceeded previous records and was described as an exceptional phenomenon, was 26.48 million tonnes.

Study on tourism growth welcomed

By Robin Young

The tourism and leisure trade yesterday welcomed the announcement that Lord Young of Graffham, Minister without Portfolio, is to be chairman of an inter-departmental group of government ministers and senior officials devoted to removing obstacles to the industry's rapid growth.

There will be many representations from the industry for the group to consider. The Restaurants Association of Great Britain, under the chairmanship of Mr Robert Carrier, has already launched a campaign for reforming the licensing laws which it claims are an antiquated handicap to tourism.

Hotel groups are keen for a review of town planning regulations. They say that land shortage and planning restrictions make it more profitable for developers to build office blocks than hotels, which could be full.

Lord Young said, in announcing the group's formation, that it might be possible to simplify planning zones, to assist the development of hotels, restaurants and tourist attractions.

Hotellers also want an end to the catering industry wage councils and minimum wages for young employees.

The tourist boards are keen to see an end to shop hours restrictions, and the group is

certain to give its backing to the Audit committee report on this.

Lord Young said that some of his group's recommendations were bound to involve legislation but others might be achieved by agreement between government colleagues.

"Other countries have signs on their motorways indicating the tourist attractions", he said, "but on the M4 you can pass Windsor Castle without seeing any sign indicating which exit to take to get to it."

"That is a Ministry of Transport responsibility. Every so often governments should do a bit of housekeeping, and have a purge on rules and regulations that might be an obstacle to enterprise."

An Irish parliamentary committee has recommended that Bord Fáilte, the Irish tourist board, should be scrapped.

The all-party committee also said the republic's licensing laws should be relaxed to allow public houses to stay open until 11.30pm throughout the year and with 1.00am closing time on New Year's Eve and St Patrick's Day.

The committee wants a new national tourism authority set up by the government to oversee all tourist activity.

Traffic chaos forecast because of coaches

By Richard Evans, Lobby Reporter

London faces another summer of traffic congestion because of inadequate parking facilities for the hundreds of coaches entering the capital each day, a senior London tourism official warned MPs yesterday.

Mr Graham Jackson, managing director of the London Visitor and Convention Bureau, told the Commons trade and industry select committee: "Currently this is the most serious problem and we regret to say we fear it may become worse this summer."

He criticized local and especially central government for failure to take positive action.

A plan for coach traffic and parking in London with an authority to impose respect for it, was needed.

Mr Robert Chenery, the

bureau's manager of resources development, told MPs he had been on working parties for 10 years trying to find answers to coach parking "but it just goes round in circles."

Various sites, including Kings Cross, St Pancras, the Royal Mint site and Battersea power station, had been suggested as coach parks. "But it needs commitment, from the Department of Transport and local authorities."

Mr Jackson also described the serious imbalance in the bureau's funding after the withdrawal of cash support, totalling 30 per cent of its budget, by the Greater London Council last year.

"We are both under-staffed and under funded and spending too much time on raising money rather than dealing with tourism issues."

Setback for defence in sherry case

Senior José Ruiz-Mateos, former head of the Rumasa Group, now controlled by the Spanish Government, yesterday lost the latest action in a High Court battle for control of more than £70 million of group assets.

By a majority, the Court of Appeal, struck out part of his defence to two High Court actions launched by Rumasa. The actions are aimed at recovering from the Mateos family the Dry Sack sherry trade mark, said to be worth £25 million, and \$46 million (£37.7m) of loans made by Rumasa.

Señor Mateos was given leave to appeal to the House of Lords against the striking-out order.

It is hoped that the appeal can be heard quickly, as the Dry Sack trademark action is due to begin in October. Mr Alan Steinfield, counsel for Williams and Humbert, part of the Rumasa Group, told the judges it was "vital" that the trial should take place on time.

'Miaow' youth wins appeal

Graham O'Dowd, of Bishopthorpe Road, York, who was fined £100 after a street disturbance which started after he allegedly said miaow to a police dog, had his conviction quashed at York Crown Court yesterday.

Mr O'Dowd, aged 18, had lodged immediate notice of appeal against the conviction for breach of the peace imposed by York magistrates last November.

Heroin sentence

Trevor Hendricks, aged 31, of Courtfield Gardens, South Kensington, London, was yesterday jailed at Wood Green Crown Court for three years for possessing heroin with intent to supply others. The court was told he had hidden heroin in a London Transport fire bucket in an Underground Tube station where he sold the drug.

Soldier charged

Malcolm Curtis, aged 20, of the 2nd Battalion, Coldstream Guards, was remanded on bail for three weeks at Clerkenwell Magistrates' Court, London, yesterday accused of using an imitation revolver to resist arrest in Kings Cross on Tuesday night.

Cinemas revival an uphill fight

By David Hewson, Arts Correspondent

British Film Year, which begins next month, faces an uphill challenge to succeed in its aim to reverse the declining fortunes of the nation's cinemas.

Social changes and the introduction of the home video have decimated the fortunes of the traditional cinema chains, although there are now tentative signs of a rise in attendances.

Official admission figures for last year have yet to be released, but are expected to show an annual attendance of 55 million, less than half that of six years ago. Britain has

about 700 cinemas, with 1,200 screens, compared with 4,500 just after the war.

British Film Year, supported by the Government, the film industry and some of British cinema's top figures, aims to encourage the view that the cinema is the best place to see films, and highlight the successes of British film-makers.

The campaign will be launched with a four-day festival in Leicester Square, after which a travelling roadshow will visit 23 cities. Members of the cinema industry will attend public talks about film-making,

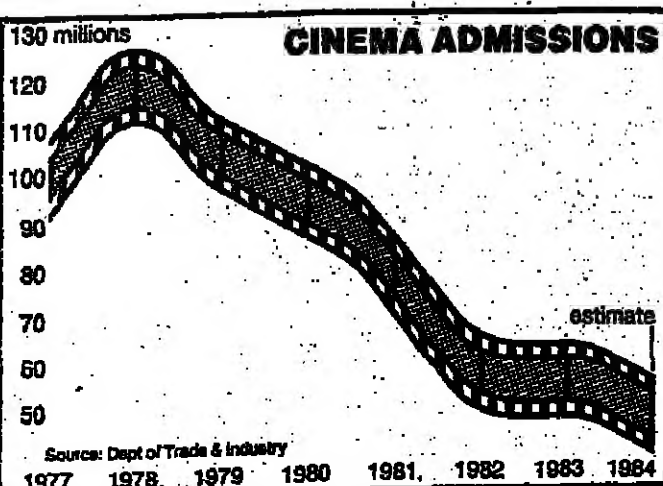
and the programme will include a national educational scheme and British film seasons.

Sir Richard Attenborough, the campaign president, wants the effort to increase domestic cinema attendances by 4 per cent.

Although the overall figures for last year are likely to be depressing, cinema chains are reported better business in recent months. Marplan admission estimates show a slight increase for October and November on the previous year's figures, and the opening of *Ghostbusters* and *Gremlins* is thought to have increased December's figures by 60 per cent, making it the best December since 1980.

In the same month the Association of Independent Cinemas reported the closure of 14 independent outlets, and in January two famous cinemas, the Northfields Coronet, west London and the State at Grays, Essex, closed.

The downward spiral in British cinema admissions is in marked contrast to the trend in America where there is a cinema building boom, according to Young and Rubicam, the advertising agency. Its cinema report says that the country's largest exhibitor, General Cinema, will have built 300 new screens with stereo sound by mid-1987.



Mrs Barber strolling with her husband, Stephen (Photograph: Chris Harris)

Heart-lung wife is fighting fit

By Michael Horsnell

Mrs Brenda Barber, Britain's longest surviving heart-lung transplant patient, returned to Papworth Hospital, in Cambridgeshire, yesterday, to thank the surgeon, Mr John Wallwork, for the operation which saved her life a year ago.

Looking fit in a yellow track suit, Mrs Barber, aged 37, said of her life expectancy: "When the time comes I hope to be in the queue to collect my old-age pension."

Mrs Barber, who underwent the pioneering operation on April 5 last year after being seriously ill for two years with fibrosis

which caused severe lung congestion and weakened her heart, went for a stroll in the sun by the lakeside in the hospital grounds with her husband, Stephen, aged 30.

Her greatest joy is to be able to look after their daughter, Samantha Jane, aged six, at the couple's home in Walworth, south London.

Mrs Barber's advice for patients lucky enough to be offered a transplant is: "Don't be frightened by it, just keep fighting". She said: "I feel fit enough to go back to work. I can run for the bus."

Soldier who killed his stepfather set free

Alistair Maloney, aged 34, a soldier serving life for killing his stepfather with a shotgun in a drunken "duel" was freed by the Court of Appeal yesterday.

He had served almost 3½ years for the killing of the man he loved as if he was his real father. He was met on his release by his mother and sister.

The support of my family and friends has kept me going. I don't know what I would have done without them. I was half expecting the judges' decision to free me, but it's a relief," he said.

In November 1981 after a party at his stepfather's home in Huntingdon, Cambridgeshire, Maloney fired a shotgun. The shot hit his stepfather in the face killing him instantly.

At his trial at Birmingham Crown Court in September 1982 his plea of guilty to manslaughter was not accepted and he was jailed for murder.

Last month the House of Lords substituted a manslaughter verdict and sent the case back to the Court of Appeal.

The Lord Chief Justice, Lord Lane, ordered his immediate release when he was brought back to the Court of Appeal.

Jockey sells trophy presented by Princess

A former Grand National winning jockey, has sold a trophy presented to him by Princess Anne at Aintree, before last Saturday's race.

Mr Arthur Freeman, aged 59, who spent most of his career riding for the Queen Mother, has also sold an engraved cigarette case which she presented to him, on his retirement.

The Grand National Trophy, in Aynsley china, was presented to former winners in a special ceremony before Saturday's race.

Mr Freeman sold his trophy to the International Racing Bureau at Newmarket, Suffolk, where he lives. He intends to use the undisclosed amount of money from the sale to pay for his daily lunches at a local hotel.

Mr Freeman won the 1958 Grand National by 30 lengths on Mr What, but is now unemployed, and living in a council flat at Iccwell Hill, Newmarket. When he was invited to the reunion of former winners, friends and neighbours bought him a new suit.

"I enjoyed my day at Aintree, but decided to sell the trophy because I need the money," he said yesterday.

£3m takings 'pocketed'

The owner of one of Britain's leading Chinese restaurants pocketed takings of more than £3 million to avoid paying VAT, Cardiff Crown Court was told yesterday.

Mr Yin Kiu Chan, who is thought to be living in Marbella, took out about a third of the takings and removed the bills before passing them to his accountant, Mr Peter Griffiths, for the prosecution, said.

Mr Griffiths said that customs investigators are at Mr Chan's two restaurants to collect bills and checks were made on returns to credit card companies.

Mr Chan eventually admitted making false returns from the

start for his restaurant in Cardiff, which is included in *The Good Food Guide*, and another he owned in Swansea.

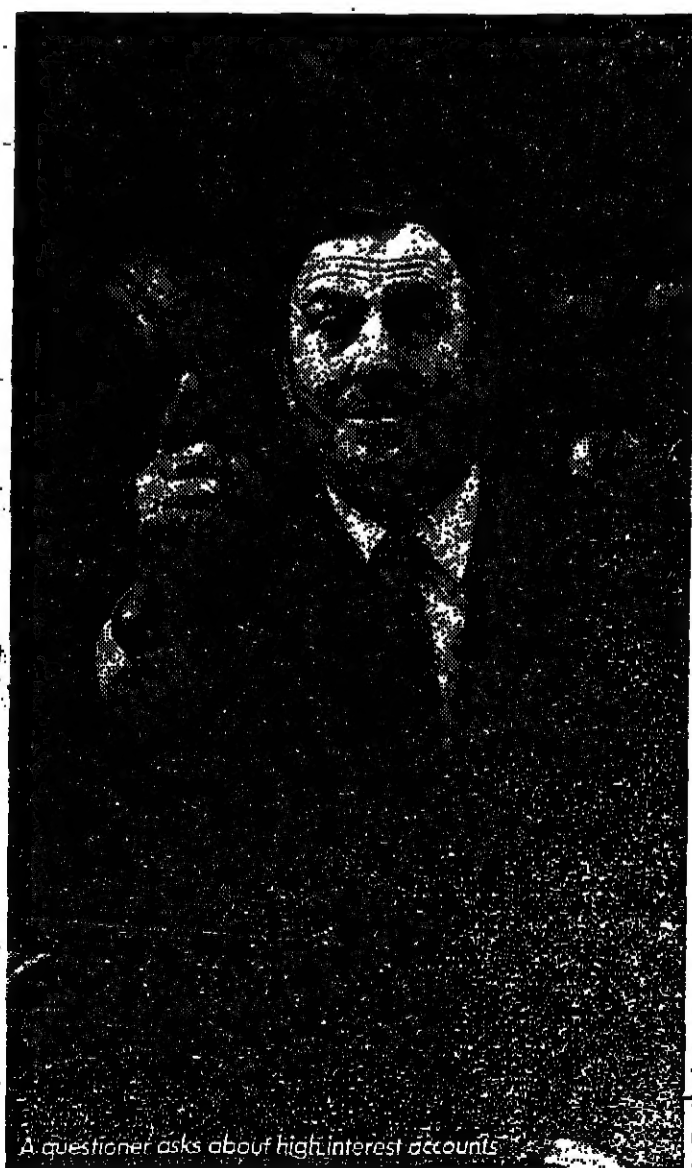
Mr Justice Beldam, imposing fines of £20,000 on the Cardiff restaurant and £5,000 on the Swansea restaurant, said: "There is no doubt that had the companies had funds very substantial fines would have been imposed. The activities of Mr Chan were just as much fraud on the companies as the customs and excise."

Through the liquidator the companies owning the original Cardiff and the Swansea restaurants admitted evading VAT payments totalling £199,822 over a three-year period.

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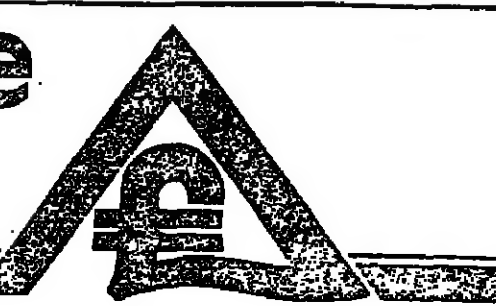
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Whitehouse gets £30,000 legal bill after losing 'Scum' case

By David Hewson, Arts Correspondent

Mrs Mary Whitehouse, was ordered to pay legal costs of £30,000 after losing a claim yesterday that the Independent Broadcasting Authority failed in its public duty over the screening of Channel Four of a film about Boris Yeltsin.

The Court of Appeal reversed a Divisional Court decision last year that Mr John Whitney, IBA director general, made a grave error of judgement in allowing the film to be shown without referring it to the full authority.

Mrs Whitehouse, president of the National Viewers' and Listeners' Association, was ordered to pay the cost of both hearings and was refused leave to appeal to the House of Lords.

She said afterwards: "I have not got anything like £30,000, I am of course very disappointed at the decision not least because of its inevitable effects upon programme standards. The Court of Appeal has effectively allowed the IBA to duck its responsibilities."

'Scum' was originally made for the BBC which refused to screen it. A new script was produced as a cinema feature film and shown on Channel Four in 1983.

The producer of 'Scum', Mr Don Boyd, said: "It would have been mad for a full screening before its members every time it wanted to show a controversial film. Scum was seen by 2.3 million people at 11.30pm and it brought in only three complaints, one of them from Mrs Whitehouse."

"It is a film which discourages the young offender. It is very important indeed that Mrs Whitehouse lost."

"A lot of film-makers were very worried that if she won they would have to go through a process of semi-censorship with the television authorities before their films were made," Mr Boyd said.

The IBA said that it was delighted with the result, which exonerated the authority and Mr Whitney, but it would not comment further.

Mrs Whitehouse said: "When a film which is known as violent and as obscene as 'Scum' is not apparently have to be referred to the IBA, which was appointed by Parliament as a final arbiter in such matters, then this decision could well result in even more extreme material being transmitted."

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A scene from Scum (top) and (above) Mrs Mary Whitehouse and Mr John Whitney.

Head in school race rumpus is suspended

Mr Raymond Honeyford, headmaster of Drummond Middle School in Bradford, who was at the centre of a race controversy, has been suspended, it was confirmed.

Mr Honeyford, aged 51, who has faced a year-long campaign, was given the news in a hand-delivered letter at his home in Prestwich, Manchester. He said: "I cannot comment. It will be put in the hands of my association."

More than a year ago Mr Honeyford wrote an article for *Salisbury Review*, a right-wing magazine, questioning Britain's multi-cultural education policies. A protest was organized by a parents' action group at the school, where 90 per cent of his 550 pupils are Asian.

Two weeks ago an education sub-committee passed a vote of no confidence in Mr Honeyford. The director of education, Mr Richard Knight, began to take stock of the decision and report on the school.

Mr Honeyford, who has appeared before several committees, has said he is not a racist. In his article, he said the education of white children in such schools was suffering.

A meeting of governors will be called after the Easter break to discuss the next move. The National Association of Head Teachers has promised to fight for Mr Honeyford and it is likely it will take court action to challenge any disciplinary charges.

Cattle exporters' success

By John Lawless

Spain may be the home of fighting bulls, but when it comes to the breeding variety, Britain is best.

Sir Geoffrey Howe, the Foreign Secretary, took time off to applaud the export efforts of three British farmers who have been selling calves heifers to Spain and Portugal, and who are starting to export bulls' semen.

Sir Geoffrey was presenting this year's Export Awards for Smaller Businesses to five companies, among them Greenfields Exports, of Bromsgrove, Worcestershire.

The farmers, Mr Peter Dunkley, Mr David Jones, and Mr Harry Gibbs, began the exports in 1981, after the then Minister of Agriculture and their MP, Mr Peter Walker, threw down a "Why not sell abroad?" challenge to the local farmers' club annual dinner.

With help from government export services, the three men identified the dairy farmers of the Iberian peninsula as their most likely customers. "They have many outbreaks of disease among their cattle, such as brucellosis and tuberculosis, which means that they have to slaughter bulls," Mr Dunkley said.

They also found that pedigree British Friesians produce cows can be milked over longer periods than those of continental rivals.

Mr Gibbs added: "Their cattle tend to produce more milk over short periods. But ours last. The German Holsteins, for example, will milk for three years, but our cows will go on for five years. And they are also far superior to the Dutch, which produce the blockier, more old-fashioned type of British Friesian."

With just 150 cattle of their own to draw upon for breeding, Greenfields set itself up as a marketing organization on behalf of West Midlands farmers.

The first year proved frustrating. But, after they had taken photographs of their cows to an exhibition in Portugal, the breakthrough came. Orders in 1982 worth £53,000 grew to £351,000 last year.

"We have now sold more than 1,500 calves heifers to Spain to Portugal", Mr Dunkley said. "The potential is so good that we have been appointed agents for the Milk Marketing Board in Portugal and are actively promoting sales of semen. We are investigating the market for it in Spain for Avoncroft Cattle, a breeders' co-operative."

Computer council under threat because of cuts

By Bill Johnstone, Technology Correspondent

The UK Council for Computing Development, which sells computer expertise to developing countries, has fallen victim of the Government's public expenditure cuts, and has six months to find an alternative source of funding.

The council, formed four years ago, has 150 individual and 35 corporate members. Mr Alex Silverleaf, its chairman, said yesterday: "We face a very difficult situation in which we need to obtain further direct financial support quickly if we are to survive."

GEC, Ferranti and ICL are among members who provide funds and resources for the overseas projects. The council, however, depended on a £20,000 government grant.

Since its formation the council has developed computer training strategies for Singapore, assisted in formulating a computing policy for Sri Lanka, and run courses for executives from India, Egypt, Tunisia, Singapore, Ecuador and Saudi Arabia.

Parachutist died after spinning out of control

Major David New, aged 40, of the Corps of Royal Military Police, plunged 5,000 feet to his death at Netheravon airfield, Wiltshire, after spinning out of control during free fall manoeuvres, an inquest at Salisbury, Wiltshire, was told.

Mr John Elgar, the Wiltshire coroner, recorded a verdict of misadventure on Major New, the father of two daughters, the father of two daughters, Major New, an experienced parachutist, was on a British Parachute Association instructors' course.

Surveys show children still in adult wards

By Thomson Prentice, Science Correspondent

Many hospitals have not implemented 25-year-old Department of Health and Social Security guidelines to improve the care of children in hospital, and an "unacceptably high" proportion of children are still admitted to adult wards, according to a *Which?* report by the Consumers' Association.

Individual hospitals, and even individual wards, tend to make their own decisions about the care of young people the department's recommendations laid down in 1960, the association says.

The guidelines recommend that children should not be put in adult wards, yet surveys in England, Wales and Scotland show that that is still frequently done.

Nearly a quarter of the wards which admitted children were adult wards in a 1982 survey of English hospitals, the report says.

A Scottish survey showed that almost half of the beds used by children were not in children-only wards. In Wales, more than a third of hospitals

which treated children nursed some or all of them in adult wards.

Many hospitals still don't encourage parents to visit at any time and stay overnight if they wish although that too is the ministry's policy.

"Some hospitals find ways of putting parents off staying. One mother was told her sleeping bag was a fire risk, and fathers have been told that the sight of them in their pyjamas would upset the nurses."

"Some hospitals have still not recognized that children and their families have special needs," *Which?* says. "But if hospitals are to change, the final push must come from parents. Ask questions, know what's possible, and above all, be persistent."

The National Association for the Welfare of Children, in Hospital and the Consumers' Association have prepared a booklet as an "action guide" for parents. The booklet costs £1, from NAWCH, Argyle House, 29-31 Euston Road, London NW1 2SD.

Widow claims husband died from radiation

Mrs Joyce Goddard of Cornwall Avenue, Welling, south-east London, told an inquest yesterday that her husband, Mr Douglas Goddard, aged 64, developed cancer after working for the Atomic Energy Authority and the Department of Nuclear Science at the Royal Naval College, Greenwich, and she believed he died from the effects of radiation.

A jury at Southwark Coroner's Court London, returned an open verdict.

A colleague of Mr Goddard's, Professor John Lacey, said that Mr Goddard, who died last October, was never exposed to significant radiation levels. Scientists for the National Radiological Protection Board and the Greenwich Nuclear Department discounted the claims.

Two accused of 'hacking' Prestel system

Two alleged computer "hackers" appeared at Bow Street Magistrates' Court, central London, yesterday, accused of breaking into private information systems. They were remanded on unconditional bail until June 12.

An accountant, Stephen Gold, aged 29, and a technical journalist, Robert Schifreen, aged 21, are charged with penetrating British Telecom's Prestel system.

Mr Gold, of Watt Lane, Crosspool, Sheffield, South Yorkshire, is accused of forging a computer disc for recording information on the Prestel Kears and Dickens computer.

Mr Schifreen, of Edgewarebury Gardens, Edgeware, Middlesex, is charged with forging an electronic device for recording information on the Prestel Gateway test computer.

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Tutu marches on police headquarters to demand priest's release

From Michael Hornsby, Johannesburg

The Bishop of Johannesburg, the Right Rev Desmond Tutu, marched with about 30 other Anglican clergymen, black and white, through central Johannesburg yesterday to John Vorster Square, headquarters of the security police, to demand the release of a fellow priest detained without trial.

The bishop had announced his intention earlier at a prayer meeting attended by about 100 people at the Anglican Cathedral in Johannesburg. He invited other priests to join him, but said he would understand if they chose not to. He described the march as "a procession of Christian witness."

Wearing an ankle-length purple robe and carrying a silver-tipped crozier, Bishop Tutu set out at a brisk pace, flanked by his two similarly-robed suffragan bishops, the Right Rev Simon Nkomo and the Right Rev Sigisberg Ndawande. The other priests, including the white Dean of Johannesburg, fell in behind.

Started motorists pulled over as the procession made its way by a circuitous route to John Vorster Square. Blacks thronging the pavements started to join the march but fell back after Bishop Tutu appealed to them not to turn it into a provocative demonstration.

The march, which was undoubtedly illegal under South African law, evidently took the

police completely by surprise. On arrival at their destination, the marchers crowded into the heavily-barricaded entrance lobby, where a bewildered white constable confronted them from behind an iron grille.

"I want to see the head of the security police," Bishop Tutu said. After some whispered consultation with colleagues, the constable informed him that his request was being conveyed.

After about 15 minutes, Colonel Gerrit Erasmus, head of the security police, presented himself at the grille. "We have come as brother priests to demand the release of Father Geoffrey Moselane who was detained in October of last year and has not yet been charged," Bishop Tutu told him.

Father Moselane was arrested during the troubles in Sharpeville and other black townships south of Johannesburg last year. He is alleged to have allowed church rooms to be used for meetings where protests over rent rises were discussed.

Colonel Erasmus said there was nothing he could do as he was not holding Father Moselane. The bishop explained that he had decided on a direct approach because letters and telegrams to Mr Louis Le Grange, the Minister of Law and Order, had had no effect.

He then handed a petition to Colonel Erasmus through the bars. "You can present it to me,

I don't want to hear it, but I'll take it," the colonel replied. The bishop was then invited to discuss the matter further over a cup of tea with the Divisional Commissioner.

In an earlier demonstration, about 60 trade unionists and supporters of the United Democratic Front, an alliance of extra-parliamentary anti-apartheid groups, danced through the streets, singing freedom songs, after a magistrate had provisionally withdrawn subversion charges against a black trade union leader.

Although they were confronted by riot police at one point, they were allowed to proceed to the union's office after an angry exchange with a police officer. The union leader, Mr Moses Mayekiso, was alleged to have committed subversion by helping to organize a stayaway from work in the Transvaal last November.

● **RIOT ORDER:** A South African police colonel said yesterday that two days before police shot dead 19 black marchers an order went out to "eliminate" rioters who threw petrol bombs (Reuters reports).

Colonel Adolf van Rooyen, in charge of equipping riot squads, told the judicial inquiry into the killings the order was issued in a text from police headquarters in Pretoria to all the country's police divisions on March 19.



Leading the way: Bishop Tutu, flanked by other clergy, striding purposefully towards police headquarters.

Carrington briefed on Star Wars

From Nicholas Ashford, Washington

Lord Carrington, the Nato Secretary-General, yesterday held talks with President Reagan and other senior Administration officials which focused on Alliance moves to strengthen conventional forces and the president's controversial "Star Wars" research programme.

Lord Carrington is a welcome guest in Washington. He played a leading role in engineering Alliance unity during the difficult period leading up to the opening of the new round of nuclear arms talks between the United States and the Soviet Union in Geneva last month.

He has been more forthright than many Nato governments in his support for Star Wars research and, since his appointment as Secretary-General last year, has campaigned tirelessly in support of a stronger conventional defence posture by Nato.

During his two-day visit, his third to the US since becoming secretary-general, Lord Carrington was meeting Mr Caspar Weinberger, the Defence Secretary, Mr George Shultz, the Secretary of State, Mr Robert McFarlane, the President's National Security Adviser, Mr Paul Nitze, the architect of US strategy at the Geneva talks, as well as congressional leaders dealing with defence issues.

Washington is concerned whether Nato will be able to maintain its united front in the face of the Soviet propaganda blitz against the President's Strategic Defence Initiative (SDI), as Star Wars is officially known.

Talking to reporters after his White House meeting, Lord Carrington said he did not believe it would be difficult to maintain allied unity on the research aspects of the programme or on the President's undertaking to hold talks with the allies and with the Soviet Union before any deployment of SDI weapons.

Mitterrand presses on with PR and electoral reform

From Diana Geddes, Paris

The end of one of the central elements of the fifth Republic was heralded yesterday with the announcement of the French Government's decision to abandon the system of two-round majority voting in favour of full proportional representation at departmental level. A Bill will be presented to the Cabinet next week.

The new system, which is due to be introduced for the first time in next year's parliamentary elections, will effectively bring to an end the broad, two-party system of government in France by encouraging the formation of smaller parties which will be enabled to gain representation for the first time.

The reform is bitterly opposed by the two main opposition parties, the Gaullist RPR and the centre-right UDF which are aware that it will give the Socialists at least a fighting chance of preventing the "classic" opposition from winning an absolute majority of the seats in the next general election, thereby possibly enabling the Socialists to cling to power in some centre-left coalition.

The proposed system would also put severe additional strains on the planned union of the RPR and the UDF and RPR are in the process of trying to forge in preparation

Uneven distribution of seats to be rectified

for the elections, and could even lead to the actual split of the already volatile coalition of centre-right parties brought together under the banner of the UDF. The Socialist Party itself may not be exempt from pressures.

Under the system, deputies will be elected in one round of voting from party lists drawn up in each of the 96 departments in France in proportion to the number of votes received by their list. Any list receiving less than five per cent of the total

vote will not be eligible for a seat, and its votes will be reapportioned among the remaining lists.

The present uneven distribution of deputies between departments will be rectified so that in future there will be roughly one deputy for every 100,000 inhabitants. That will mean the creation of about 97 new seats in the National Assembly, in addition to the 491 already there.

Some departments, whose population has diminished since the constituency boundaries were last redrawn, will as a result have their number of deputies reduced. But no department will have less than two deputies. Paris is likely to suffer a particularly sharp reduction in its number of deputies.

Announcing the Government's decision after yesterday's Cabinet meeting, M Pierre Joxe, Minister of the Interior, described the system as "fair, just and simple." The introduction of some form of proportional representation was one of the 110 "propositions" of M Mitterrand's presidential electoral campaign.

The proposed system is broadly the same as that introduced by President De Gaulle in 1945. However, it contributed to the series of weak, short-lived coalition governments under the Fourth Republic, and when De Gaulle returned to power in 1948, he decided to change to the present system of two-round majority voting with its strong bias in favour of a two-party system.

Former President Giscard d'Estaing said yesterday that it was "a sad day for the Fifth Republic" which had brought such progress to France and had restored its greatness.

The functioning of the Fifth Republic was based on two pillars: the direct election of the president and the ability to form a solid majority government. The Government's proposals would lead to the

collapse of the second of those pillars, he said.

The two main opposition parties are totally opposed to any electoral reform. Even before the Government's decision was announced, M Jean-Claude Gaudin, leader of the UDF group in Parliament, had suggested that the UDF and RPR could include a pledge to repeal the proposed electoral reform law in their platform.

Opposition victory could mean repeal of reform

"Joint Programme of Government", which they would introduce in the event of a victory by the Opposition next year.

The extreme-right National Front and the Communist Party, both of which obtained 11 per cent of the vote in the elections to the European Parliament last year, are strongly in favour of a system of full proportional representation - only at national rather than departmental level, as that would be by far the most advantageous system in the form of seats for the smaller parties.

Proportional representation at departmental level will mean that the National Front will almost certainly enter Parliament for the first time, but will not get anywhere near the 70 to 100 seats for which it had been hoping.

The Socialists remain severely divided in their views on which system would have best suited the party. Some have advocated full proportional representation, while others, like M Michel Rocard and M Jean-Paul Chevènement, leaders respectively of the right-wing and left-wing factions within the party, are opposed to the introduction of any but the smallest dose of proportionality into the majority voting system.

Why Bonn's army rests easy at weekends

Bonn (Reuters) - West German armed forces chief, General Wolfgang Altenburg, yesterday defended the practice of giving most troops the weekend off, saying he ruled out the possibility of a surprise Soviet attack on a Saturday or Sunday.

"I already know on Thursday evening if there is going to be a war at the weekend," General Altenburg said in an interview with Stern magazine. "It really doesn't bother me in the least that the soldiers go home on Friday."

The majority of West Germany's 495,000 servicemen effectively work a five-day week. Critics say that in the past most major wars have begun with surprise weekend invasions.

15,000 troops 'quit' Cambodia

Stung Treng (Reuters) - More than 10,000 Vietnamese soldiers, cheered by thousands of onlookers, headed home from this town in north-east Cambodia and another 3,000 troops reportedly left the capital, Phnom Penh.

The departures were described by the Vietnamese as a reduction of forces in Cambodia. Thai military and Western diplomats have dismissed similar previous withdrawals as a propaganda ploy.

Dissident killed

Hector Orlando Gomez, a leading member of the Guatemalan organization of relatives of disappeared people, has been kidnapped and murdered in Guatemala City, a few days after receiving written and telephoned death threats, and after President Mejia Victores had publicly accused the organization of being linked to "subversion".

Just deserts

Eagle Mountain, California (AFP) - A twin-engine plane carrying 450lb of cocaine with a street value of some \$21 million was found abandoned in the desert near here after drug enforcement agents received reports that an aircraft "became disabled and went down".

Arson suspects

Taipei (Reuters) - Three men have been detained for the fire bomb attack on the Emperor Hotel in Taiwan's southern city of Tainan which killed 30 people on Monday. Police said one of the men had quarrelled with an hotel waitress who refused to go out with him.

Crash cloud

Freiburg, West Germany (AP) - Three motorists were killed in a three-vehicle motorway crash that unleashed toxic fumes from a lorryload of burning chemicals, forcing 100 people to seek medical attention.

Nick of time

New York (AP) - A man wanted on child molestation charges was arrested at Kennedy international airport as he was about to take a flight to Europe, police said.

Somalia epidemic spreads

Cholera kills another 750

From A Special Correspondent, Mogadishu

At least 750 newly arrived refugees from Ethiopia have died in a cholera epidemic in a makeshift camp at Hargeisa, Somalia. The disease has spread into Hargeisa itself, where there have been 50 cases and six deaths. Suspected cases are reported at Borama and Kismayu.

The death rate has more than doubled to about 1,980 because medical staff have run out of drips for rehydration treatment. Emergency supplies from Pakistan and Amsterdam are expected soon at Berbera. International Red Cross officials are arranging to fly medical supplies from their store at Addis Ababa into Hargeisa.

The United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) is preparing to move the entire camp about one mile out of town to prevent further spread of the disease. UNHCR officials say food for new arrivals is limited and could run out if further pledges are not made immediately. Only 30 per cent of an October appeal for \$7 million (about \$6 million) has been received and the number

of new arrivals has since doubled to 120,000. Last week, disaster was averted. Two ships carrying food arrived at Berbera when supplies for only a week remained. Officials say that unless new pledges are made, food will run out in June.

UNHCR's difficulties are compounded by arguments with the Somali Government over their exchange rate. Since January a dual exchange rate has been applied. The Government insists that all United Nations bodies should accept the lower official rate, while voluntary agencies are being offered the higher unofficial rate.

Until this week UNHCR had bought no Somali shillings therefore, operations have been grinding to a halt. Now they have permission from Geneva to pay wages to 10,000 local staff but many voluntary agencies are still owed large sums. Oxfam is owed \$50,000 for water pumps installed last year. Despite this, the Save the Children fund and Oxfam decided to set up a new camp for 46,000 refugees, but plans to move them from Hargeisa have been shelved until cholera is contained.

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If the rains are sustained throughout April, they could offer a respite for Ethiopia's farmers and bring relief to the country generally.

Kenya off food aid list

From Charles Harrison, Nairobi

Kenya no longer expects to need emergency food aid, thanks to a sharp increase in local food production.

A senior official in the President's office has confirmed that latest estimates of food production, after well-distributed rains in recent weeks, show that Kenya is again self-sufficient in basic foods. Some areas still needing famine relief can be supplied from other parts of Kenya.

The main rains failed completely in most of Kenya last year. This, after inadequate

rains in the two preceding years, created a serious famine threat over wide areas, and Kenya had to appeal for international assistance.

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Chess master faces her greatest challenge at 15

From Trevor Fishlock, New York

Susan Polgar, aged 15, the world's highest-ranking female chess player, is a chirpy and determined girl who never takes no for an answer. She ran into trouble with the chess bureaucracy in her native Hungary when she insisted on playing in men's tournaments so that she could face more challenging opponents.

The Hungarian Chess Federation, though, told her she could only play in women's matches. When Miss Polgar defied the federation, entered men's tournaments without permission and refused to play in women's tournaments, she was banned from travelling to the West for three years. "That was my punishment," she said.

The federation has now relented, however, and Miss Polgar is in New York this week playing for the \$18,000 (£15,000) top prize in the international tournament which has attracted 1,000 players. It is the greatest challenge of

a career that began when her father taught her to play chess when she was four. A few months later she won the Hungarian under-11 championship.

At 10 she became a women's master. At 11 she went to Britain and won the world under-16 championship.

Her international chess federation ranking is 2,430. The world champion woman player Nana Iosadze, of the Soviet Union, has a ranking of 2,400. Miss Polgar's rating would qualify her as a grandmaster on the women's scale, and she has reached grandmaster norm on 11 occasions. But the Hungarian Chess Federation puts her below grandmaster, rating her an international master.

Of her stand against the federation, Miss Polgar said yesterday: "I am not against playing with women. It is simply that I want to play against stronger opponents."



Susan Polgar: In play.

Britain's man to Moscow fluent in Russian

Britain's new ambassador to Moscow is to be Mr Bryan Cartledge, aged 53, it was announced yesterday. He will be one of the youngest men to hold the post in recent years.

Mr Cartledge, now working in the Cabinet Office as a Deputy Secretary, will take up the post in July on the retirement of Sir Iain Sutherland, who has been ambassador for the last 2½ years.

A fluent Russian-speaker, Mr Cartledge is one of the Foreign Office's main experts in east-west relations, and is a former ambassador to Hungary.

Officials laid no stress on Mr Cartledge being of the same generation as the new Soviet leader Mr Gorbachev.

● Mr C. Mallaby, aged 48, a member of the Diplomatic Service, is to succeed Mr Cartledge in the Cabinet Office.

Ethnic Turks backed

Ankara accuses Bulgaria of racist policies

From Rasit Gurdilek, Ankara

In its strongest reaction to the forced assimilation of ethnic Turks in Bulgaria, Turkey has accused Sofia of following a racist policy in the vain hope that by making names Bulgarian it could erase the Turks' national consciousness.

Mr Mesut Yilmaz, vice Foreign Minister, expressed Turkey's official position yesterday in replying to a statement by Mr Stanko Todorov, Speaker of the Bulgarian Parliament, in which he is said to have confirmed that the Bulgarianization of Turkish names had been completed within months and to have ruled out any possibility of repatriation, threatening instead general exile.

Mr Yilmaz brushed aside Bulgaria's "ridiculous contentions" that the Turks were opting enthusiastically for Slavic names which he said had been advanced "to cover up the inhuman treatment accorded to more than one million Turks".

Sofia's sudden preference to designate Turks as Muslims,

despite references to "the Turkish minority" or to "Bulgarian Turks" in existing agreements, was clearly motivated, he said, by the need to support baseless claims that the Turks were originally forcefully-converted Bulgarians.

"The contention that ethnic Turks in Bulgaria have suddenly become aware of their Bulgarian roots cannot be anything but an expression of a chauvinistic or even a racist attitude," he said.

It was interesting that such a policy could be followed by a regime which advocated socialism as a guarantee for aggression and respect of human rights.

He described it as a fallacy to think that Turkish national and cultural identity in Bulgaria could be eliminated in this way.

Mr Yilmaz attributed Bulgaria's refusal to negotiate repatriation - "despite earlier assurances of Sofia's readiness to send as many Turks as Turkey would accept" - to the fact that "for the Bulgarian regime, the Bulgarian Turk has always been a worker to exploit".

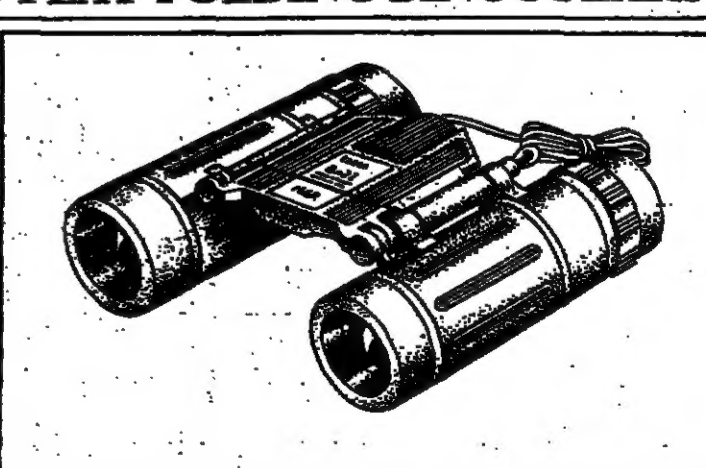
He pledged that the ethnic Turks, who had resisted oppression and violence for 40 years, would continue to preserve their Turkish identity, language, religion and customs, and that Turkey would always support them.

His words may well preface a more energetic international campaign against Bulgaria.

After Sofia rejected repeated calls for the foreign ministers to work out a solution, Turkey has said it will give Bulgaria no respite.

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Minister's Washington mission

Japanese seek to pacify Congress over trade

From David Watts, Tokyo

Mr Reishi Teshima, Japan's Deputy Foreign Minister for Economic Affairs, flies to the United States today to try to defuse the belligerent anti-Japanese mood in Congress over trade.

He will try to explain to Congressmen the moves that Japan has made to liberalize its telecommunications market, emphasising that since April 1 it is second only to the United States market in its liberality, a point which has been reached in three years but which took the United States 10.

Both Mr Shintaro Abe, the Foreign Minister, and the Cabinet Secretary have expressed shock that the Danforth Bill to raise tariffs and other barriers against Japanese telecommunications imports had been passed despite progress in the negotiations.

The US Senate was on a totally detached plane and considered that the trade deficit was all Japan's fault, Mr Abe said in reply to a question in the Diet. "Things are moving with a logic that is totally impossible for the Japanese public to comprehend."

"I am very sorry to see this trend, not only because it is a discrimination against Japan, but also because it is a threat to free trade. The Japanese Government must prod Congress into good sense," he said.

The American moves have

put Mr Yasuhiro Nakasone, the Prime Minister, into a very tight position at home. He is already under strong criticism in his own Liberal Democratic party for apparently promising things to Washington without first clearing them.

The party will hold a key Cabinet-level meeting today to try to unite behind a new policy statement which Mr Nakasone has promised for next Tuesday. In reality, it is doubtful if the Congressmen now railing against Japan really understand



Mr Shintaro Abe: Prodding Congress into good sense.

the present state of negotiations. The arguments centre on esoteric technical definitions for which even the US does not have government-imposed standards. Those operating in the US are set by the Electronics Industries Association.

When the negotiations started the Japanese had a set of 53 standards covering the quality of communications equipment and acceptable levels of background noise and freedom from interference. These have been cut to 30 but the Americans are demanding a single standard.

The Japanese point out that the US standards give protection only against the total collapse or burn-out of the system, with little regard for the quality of service the consumer gets. Mr Norimasa Hasegawa, Director of International Affairs for Communications Policy at the Ministry of Posts and Telecommunications, argues: "We have extended the discussion period for a further 60 days so we have got two days for each item."

The fact that Congress has acted despite the extension of the negotiations period and Mr Nakasone's personal commitment, at considerable political risk to himself, has shocked many in Japan. It remains to be seen how much damage will be done to the best friend the United States has in Japan.

Sri Lanka admits tourists in danger

From Donovan Moldrich Colombo

The first official admission that tourists to Sri Lanka could be at risk was made yesterday by the Cabinet spokesman, Mr Asandun de Alwis, when he said the Government had information that Tamil separatist rebels were planning to explode bombs in the eastern province to scare away tourists.

He said the rebels apparently did not intend to harm tourists as this would antagonize the country concerned.

While tourists generally visit beach resorts on the south-western coasts or go to the central hills, eastern province beach resorts have grown in popularity with the building of new hotels.

The Foreign Ministry has informed diplomatic missions in Colombo that among the areas in the eastern province which are safe for tourists are Trincomalee, Amparai, Arugam Bay, Inginiyagala, Nilaveli and Passekudah.

While the Foreign Ministry has described the coastal road from Batticaloa to Pottuvil as a prohibited area, Mr de Alwis said what this meant was that it was not advisable for tourists to travel on that road.

The number of tourists who visited Sri Lanka last year was only 317,000 against earlier expectations of about 500,000.

Forty tourist hotels are up for sale in a depressed market.



Bomb victims: Giuseppe and Salvatore Asta, six-year-old twins killed with their mother at Trapani, Sicily, when a bomb intended for the town's deputy public prosecutor destroyed their car.

Thais to get US jets

Washington - The Pentagon has told Congress that it plans to sell 12 F16 jet fighters to Thailand, the first time that any South-East Asian country will get advanced US planes (Mohsin Ali writes).

The single-engine jet fighter,

with spare parts, support equipment and training services, will cost about \$360 million (about £288 million), the Pentagon said, justifying the proposed sale by citing recent deployment of MiG 23 aircraft to Vietnam

Summit clues expected

Gromyko links a return to detente with arms talks

From Richard Owen, Moscow

As the Gorbachev leadership approaches the end of its first month in power, Mr Andrei Gromyko, the Soviet Foreign Minister, has spoken of a return to detente, provided the West shows a "responsible and constructive" attitude to Soviet proposals.

There is still, however, no official indication of when Mr Gorbachev might meet President Reagan. Clues are expected from a visit to Moscow by Mr Thomas "Tip" O'Neill, Speaker of the House of Representatives, who arrives at the weekend.

At Kremlin discussions with Mr Joe Clark, the Canadian Foreign Minister, Mr Gromyko said that the Geneva talks on space weapons and nuclear missiles could succeed only "if the United States goes its part of the way" toward compromise. The first round of the talks ends this month.

Mr Gromyko said that the fortieth anniversary of the defeat of Nazism next month would be a worthy occasion for "concrete steps toward averting nuclear war" and for developing detente.

Mr Reagan told The Washington Post this week that Mr Gorbachev had replied positively to his invitation. Mr Kermelin officials say they have no information.

Informed sources say that Mr Gorbachev may wait until the Supreme Soviet meets in June, when he is expected to be named President, before arranging a meeting. At present, he is party leader but not head of state.

Mr Clark's visit is the latest of diplomatic contacts by the new Soviet leadership as it decides foreign policy priorities. A flurry of visits by East European officials has been linked to the thirtieth anniversary of the Warsaw Pact next month.

Mr Gyorgy Lazar, the Hungarian Prime Minister, this week met Mr Gorbachev and signed a Soviet-Hungarian economic agreement. Mr Vasily Kuznetsov

sov, acting president for the third time in as many years, arrived in Budapest on Tuesday, looking remarkably sprightly for a man of 84. Mr Gromyko also held talks during the week with Mr P. V. Narashima Rao, the Indian Defence Minister, a sign of the importance the new leaders attach to relations with the Third World. Mr Gromyko told Mr Rao that Moscow would boost India's defence capacity.

Mr Clark is the first senior Western official at the Kremlin since President Chernenko's funeral last month. His talks follow visits to Leningrad and Siberia.

Western diplomats are saying that although anti-American rhetoric remains tough under Mr Gorbachev, the new leaders hope for progress at Geneva by May, and that both superpowers have played down the shooting of a US officer by a Soviet seamy in East Germany last month.

Moscow yesterday maintained its criticism of Washington by accusing Mr Reagan of resorting to evil-minded slander by sanctioning a new Pentagon report on Soviet arms.

The report says Russia has long had laser beam weapons, along the lines of "Star Wars". Tass described this as fantastic and unscrupulous fiction.

Mr Gennady Zhuravlev, deputy Foreign Trade Minister, said yesterday that America was continuing to discriminate against Russia in trade, but that there were hopeful prospects in Soviet-American economic relations.

He was contemplating on 1984 trade figures which show that US exports to Russia rose by 80 per cent to nearly \$3.5 billion (about £2.8 billion), mainly through Soviet demands for grain and animal feed.

Mr Malcolm Baldrige, the US Commerce Secretary, is to visit Moscow next month to revive Cabinet-level trade talks after seven years.

Salvador right says poll was fraudulent

From John Carlin, San Salvador

In what political observers are describing as an act of desperation, El Salvador's two biggest right-wing political parties have cried fraud and are demanding that last Sunday's elections be declared void.

They have thrown into confusion an electoral process felt by national and international observers to have been a model of organization.

Senior right-wing party officials had been privately conceding defeat during the two days after the vote, admitting that President Duarte's moderate Christian Democrat Party had won an unexpected majority in the National Assembly. Independent polls and final unofficial returns indicated a clear Christian Democrat victory.

Then on Tuesday night Major Roberto D'Aubuisson's Republican Nationalist

Alliance Party and the National Conciliation Party said officially that they refused to accept a Christian Democrat victory and called for the election to be carried out again.

The head of the official election organizing body said the two parties had accused the Army - traditionally a right-wing force in El Salvador - of complicity in the alleged Christian Democrat fraud.

Major D'Aubuisson has denied in a radio interview the accusation against the Army, but declared Sunday's vote to have been "an electoral farce", a term the extreme right-wing major has appropriated from the left-wing guerrillas.

Things have clearly changed in El Salvador. Exactly 13 years ago the Army denied Señor Duarte victory in a presidential election everyone knew he had won.

Karamanlis may have quit active politics

From Mario Modiano Athens

Both Mr Andreas Papandreu, the Prime Minister, and Mr Constantine Mitsotakis, the Opposition leader, are under the impression that former President Karamanlis has definitely withdrawn from active politics.

This was said by the two politicians in separate press conferences. Mr Mitsotakis added that this did not mean the former President, who has remained silent, would not at some point of his choosing express his views on the political situation.

Mr Mitsotakis said yesterday that his party, New Democracy, refused to recognize Mr Christos Sarantis as President of Greece because, he claimed, the ruling Socialists had rigged his election.

New tragedy? page 14

Stars arrested in Chile after deaths protest

Santiago (AFP) - Police freed 80 stage and television personalities on Tuesday after their arrest earlier in the day during a demonstration against the murder last week of three opponents of the Chilean junta.

Three other demonstrators remained in custody, a legal source here said.

Police detained the 83 as they tried to gather in central Santiago to demand an explanation for the deaths of the three dissidents, found last Saturday in a Santiago suburb with their throats cut after they were abducted last week by armed commandos.

● BARCELONA - Police said 25 members of the leftist Youth Committee for Solidarity with Chile occupied the Chilean consulate here yesterday in protest at the policies of President Pinochet. It was the third occupation of the consulate in three years (AP reports).

'No-confidence' vote in Suazo deepens crisis

Tegucigalpa (Reuters) - The constitutional crisis in Honduras has deepened, with Congress condemning President Roberto Suazo Cordova's dictatorial attitude and several opposition deputies calling for his resignation.

The 32-seat Congress approved, by 49 votes to 29 with four abstentions, a motion condemning the President's attitude, and his alleged invasion of Congress' privacy and interference in the Supreme Court. A western diplomat said it amounted to a vote of no confidence.

The crisis is the worst to hit Honduras' frail democracy since Señor Suazo became the country's first elected President in 1981 after 12 years of

military rule. Congress has been called into permanent session until the crisis is over.

It stems from congressional charges that the President used the Supreme Court so he could select candidates for November's elections.

Opposition congressmen and Liberal Party dissidents last week dismissed five Supreme Court judges who they said manipulated the electoral law to allow the nomination of candidates named by Señor Suazo.

The Government responded by arresting judges named as replacements by Congress and bringing charges of violating the constitution against the 50 congressional members concerned.

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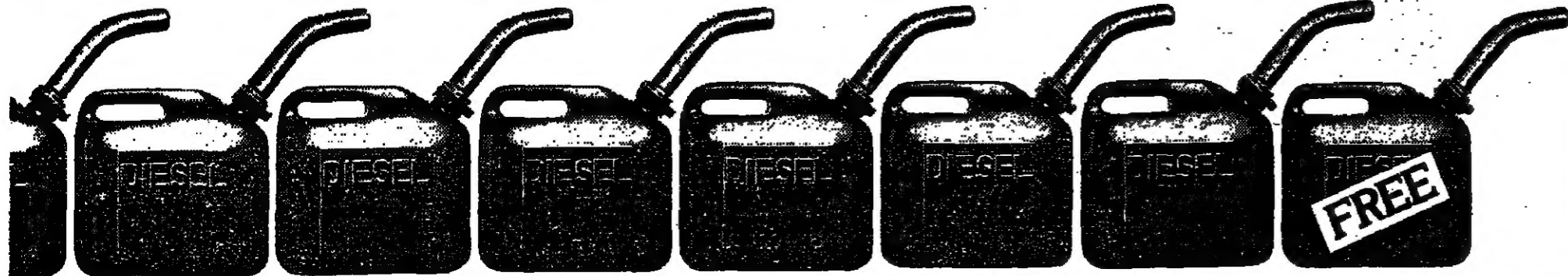
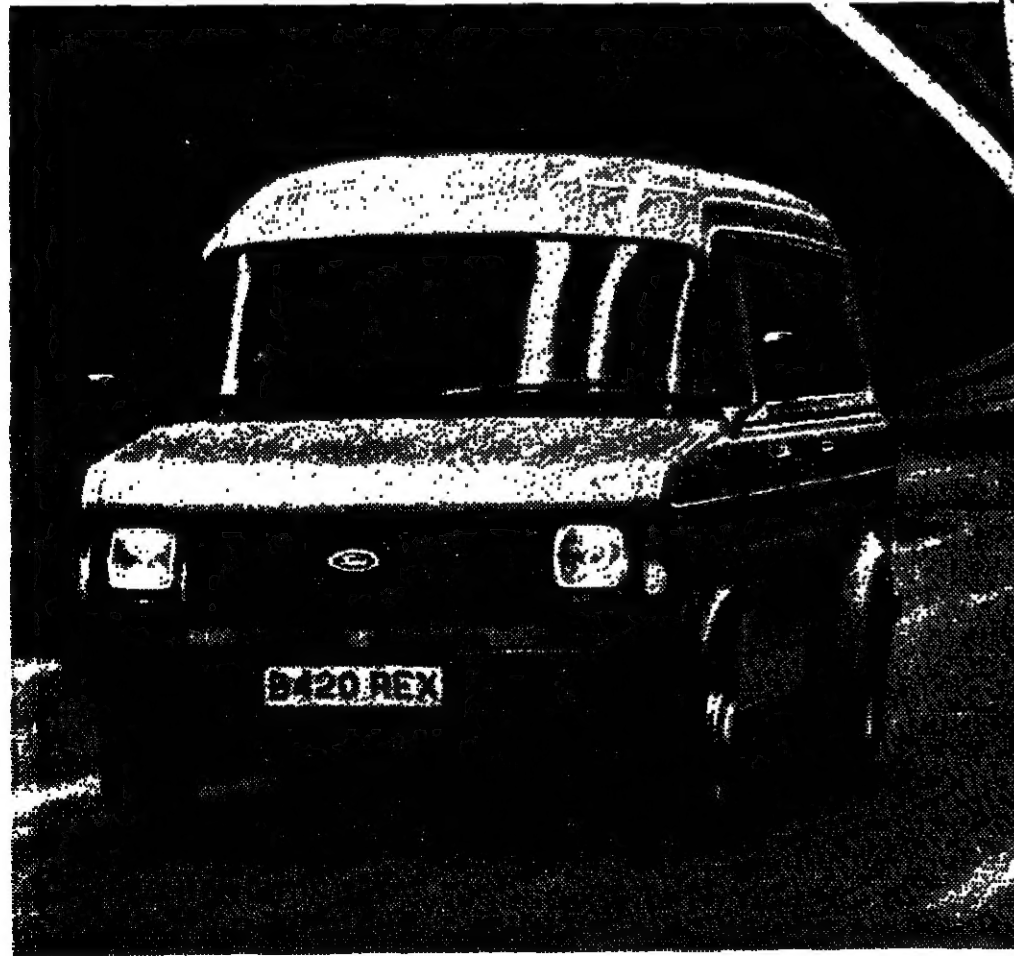
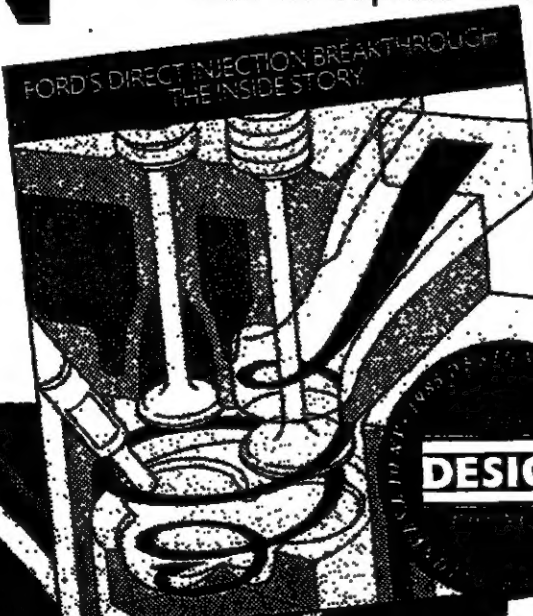
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IT'S LIKE HAVING EVERY EIGHTH GALLON FREE.

Thatcher to boost Britain on 11-day tour of six Far East countries

By Rodney Cowling

The Prime Minister departs today on an 11-day tour to six South-East Asian countries in what is being seen in the area as an attempt to boost Britain's diminished standing in the region.

The centrepiece of the tour will be her three days in Malaysia, where she arrives tomorrow morning, but she will also become the first British Prime Minister to visit Indonesia and Brunei.

The trip was originally planned to take place last September, but Mrs Thatcher postponed it as she felt unable

to leave the country because of the miners' strike.

The Malaysia visit will be important as an attempt to consolidate relations between the two countries, which have been subjected to a number of strains in recent years.

Relations have never fully recovered from the argument in 1980 over the decision to increase tuition fees for foreign students in Britain, except for those from European Community countries. Malaysia regarded this as discriminatory, and for a time ran a "Buy Britain Last" campaign.

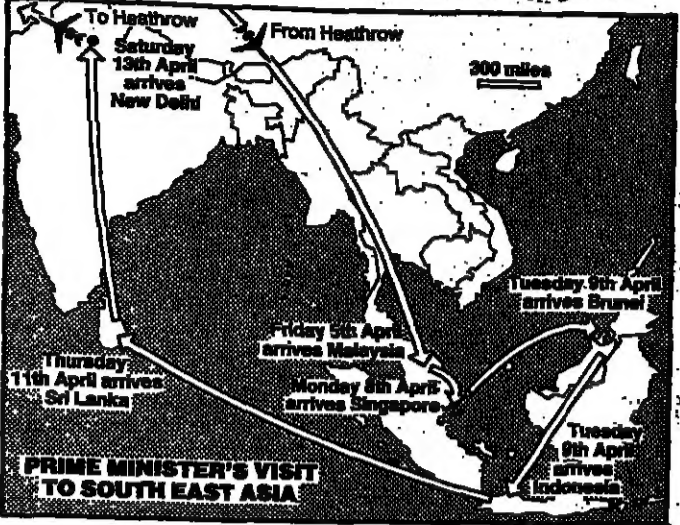
There have also been difficulties over other issues. Malaysia and Singapore, for example, want their national airlines to have more flights to the United Kingdom.

In Malaysia, Singapore, Brunei and Indonesia Mrs Thatcher is likely to emphasise the importance which Britain attaches to the Association of South-East Asian Nations, of which they are all members. There will also be discussions on the conflict between Cambodia and Vietnam.

As the first of her tour Mrs Thatcher will visit Sri Lanka and India, where she will be keen to establish a personal working relationship with Mr Rajiv Gandhi. It is likely she will emphasise her hope that he will visit Britain as soon as possible.

Sources in London have been keen to discount any suggestion that Mrs Thatcher might act as a mediator between Sri Lanka and India in their differences over the activities of Tamil separatists. Nevertheless, it would be surprising if she did not try to encourage an improvement in relations between the two countries.

In Delhi Mrs Thatcher may well have to deal with Indian criticisms that Britain has not done enough to limit the activities of Sikh extremists in this country.



Von Bulow faces new jury

Mystery tapes hold key to retrial

From Trevor Fishlock, New York

A new chapter in the extraordinary case of Claus von Bulow, whose conviction on charges of attempting to murder his wealthy wife was overturned on appeal, opens in court next week.

Mr von Bulow, aged 58, goes on trial a second time accused of trying to kill his wife, Martha, with injections of insulin.

But even before the retrial starts there is controversy over mysterious tape recordings. Mrs von Bulow, aged 53, heiress to a \$50 million fortune, was found unconscious in the family mansion at Newport, Rhode Island, New York society's summer camp, and now lies, neither dead nor alive, in a Manhattan hospital. She has been in an irreversible coma for more than four years.

At the first trial, in 1982, the prosecution said Mr von Bulow was driven by his love for an actress and his greed for his share of his wife's estate. He was sentenced to 30 years in jail, but has since been free on \$1 million bail, and is living in his wife's Manhattan home.

During the appeal last year, defence lawyers presented new evidence and said that Mr von Bulow was "framed" by his stepson, Alexander, and that Mrs von Bulow was a drug user who might herself have administered the insulin.

The appeal court overturned the conviction and ordered a new trial. It said that some evidence was inadmissible and that other evidence, which might have helped the defence, had been wrongly suppressed by the judge.

Among those who swore affidavits used by the defence at the appeal was David Marriott,

aged 26, a rather shadowy figure who was once a friend of Mr von Bulow's stepson.

It was his statement that led to the defence that Mr von Bulow had been framed: he claimed that he had several times delivered hypodermic needles and drugs to the stepson, and once to Mrs von Bulow herself.

Mr Marriott, who has never had a job, has made tape-recordings which, he claims, cast a different light on his earlier story, which was concocted. According to him, the voice of Mr von Bulow is among those on the tapes. Having been a defence witness, Mr Marriott is now apparently to be a prosecution witness.

A lawyer for Mrs von Bulow's family has described Mr Marriott recently as a creep and a scoundrel. And a lawyer for Mr von Bulow says Mr Marriott is "inherently unbelievable".

Mr Marriott, who now has a literary agent, allowed the CBS broadcasting network last year to transcribe the tapes. He has given the tapes to the court in Providence, where the second trial is due to start on Monday.

The melodrama has bitterly divided the family. Mr von Bulow lives with his daughter, Cosima, aged 17, who has always been on his side. He dines with loyal friends who believe his conviction was a miscarriage of justice.

Mr von Bulow's stepchildren, Ais and Alexander von Auersperg, children of Mrs von Bulow's marriage to Prince Alfie von Auersperg, initiated the investigation that eventually brought their stepfather to court.

India to invest £21 billion in electronics

Delhi (AP) - India will invest 320 billion rupees (£21 billion) over the next five years in the electronics industry, which Mr Rajiv Gandhi, the Prime Minister, has called the "nerve centre" of the modernisation programme.

"The electronics industry in India has been planned to grow at an average annual rate of over 35 per cent during the next five years... a five-fold growth in five years," an official statement said. It quoted Mr M. S. S. Rao, chairman of the Electronics Commission, as saying 44 per cent of the electronics investment would be in the private sector.

The investment would be in components, consumer electronics, aerospace and defence, communications and broadcasting, computers, instrumentation and industrial electronics.

Paris supports Pisani policy on Caledonia

From Diana Geddes, Paris

The French Government is expected to announce next week that it has decided to adopt the main provisions of M. Edgar Pisani's independence proposals for the troubled overseas territory of New Caledonia coupled with a continued contract of association with France.

M. Pisani, who was appointed High Commissioner to the islands in the midst of serious disturbances last December, submitted his 300-page report

Death sentence upheld on five Zambia plotters

Tears of sorrow and joy marked the end of the longest criminal case in Zambia's history when the Supreme Court gave its judgment in the appeal against death and imprisonment by eight men, sentenced to death after being convicted of conspiring to force down President Kaunda's plane and make him resign at gunpoint.

Death sentences were upheld on former High Court commissioner, Edward Shumwana, businessman Yoram Mumba, Zairian politician Deogratius Symba and drivers Thomas Mumba and Albert Chimbalie.

The court overturned sentences on former Bank of Zambia governor Valentine Musakanya and a Zairian politician Kanyemba Kabwita. An air force senior officer, Major Anderson Mporokoso had his 10-year jail term cancelled.

on the situation, with recommendations for the island's future, to President Mitterrand last week. After a second meeting with M. Mitterrand on Tuesday, M. Pisani said he believed he was in complete harmony with the President.

There were "nine chances out of 10" that the New Caledonians would be called to take part in a vote on self-determination before the end of the year. That indicates a further delay of the vote.



Pater noster: The Pope, who starts his Easter ceremonies with Mass at St Peter's Basilica today, hugging a baby during his weekly audience in St Peter's Square yesterday.

Neves operation success

São Paulo - Brazil's ailing President-elect, Senhor Tancredo Neves, came successfully through his fourth operation in 19 days, carried out in São Paulo on Tuesday evening. (Patrick Knight writes). The operation was to treat a strangulated hernia.

Acting President, vice-president Senhor José Sarney has been acting with increasing authority as there is no forecast date for Senhor Neves to assume control.

Hungary's free market

When stagnation sets in

Roger Boyes, East Europe Correspondent, concludes his analysis of economic reforms in three Comecon countries.

In Lenin Boulevard they are selling word processors, in Marx Street there are Italian-made children's clothes and, if you are quick and in pocket, there are bananas to be had in Moscow Square. This is Budapest, for Soviet bloc neighbours a show case, an example of what can be achieved through reform.

Hungarians see beyond the stony-eyed gaze of their colleagues and are deeply anxious about the future of their country's economy.

The fear is legitimate. Although Mr Janos Kadar assured the Hungarian party congress last week that the reforms would survive when he is no longer leader - he is 72 and tired - there is already a sense of stagnation.

The attempt to incorporate market elements into a planned economy has certain inbuilt limits, and Hungary has become the first to discover them. It is beginning to chafe. The longer the reform has to mark time, the committed reformers believe, the easier it will be for the hardliners to roll back even what has been achieved.

There are three main obstacles to expanding the economic reforms: the question of ownership, the social welfare mentality and the relationship of economic pluralism to what is still essentially a political

monolith, a one-party state. Hungary frequently boasts that 90 per cent of the economy is in state hands.

There are 25,000 private small businesses, including restaurants, boutiques selling privately made clothes and shops selling spare parts of all shapes and sizes. Their relative share of the economy is small; but they give a dynamic push, forcing state shops to think

competitively, keeping alive the idea of choice, the idea that makes Budapest such a lively city.

Unlike Poland, Hungarian agriculture is not in private hands. It was collectivised in the late 1950s as the emotions from the 1956 uprising were beginning to cool. But rational use of private allotments on these farms and intelligent pricing have created an indispensable ingredient for the success of any reform in the Soviet bloc: a guarantee that there will be good food on the table.

But the question of ownership is now the most pressing, for it defines the boundaries of permissible change. Last year Hungary introduced a bond market, in an unusual attempt to mop up savings and channel capital to the most profitable companies.

But then came the rub: bondholders cannot have a say in the companies whose bonds they buy.

The second obstacle to the economic reform course is psychological rather than ideological. There is a deeply entrenched social welfare mentality and a bureaucracy that is tailored to this thinking.

When a Budapest typewriter factory was liquidated last year, there was immediate bureaucratic panic. Who was to redeploy the redundant workers? The state is committed to full employment but who is the state? The Budapest City Council? Other state enterprises? A ministry? Nobody knows because nobody wants to know: the painful aspects of market forces are suppressed like an unpleasant dream.

But there is a third level of change needed if reform is to continue to have meaning beyond full shops and stomachs. This is the need to create more political elasticity. If factory managers are to be genuinely free to invest factory profits, they must take part in a broader debate about priorities.

For the Kadarist reforms to survive into the 21st century, indeed to survive his retirement or demise, there has to be more political pluralism than is foreseen in the electoral system. Otherwise the most powerful political voices to be heard will be those of essentially conservative bodies such as the trade unions, which under the hardline president, Mr Sandor Gaspar, carry the populist banner of opposition to price increases but which generate few new ideas or proposals.

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IBA not in breach of duty over controversial film

Regina v Independent Broadcasting Authority, Ex parte Whitehouse
Before Sir John Donaldson, Master of the Rolls, Lord Justice Browne-Wilkinson and Lord Justice Mustill (judgment delivered April 3)

The system and procedure adopted by the Independent Broadcasting Authority (IBA) in its discharge of its duty under section 4(1) of the Broadcasting Act 1981 complied with the requirements of that Act. Accordingly, the court should not interfere with the decision of the Director General not to refer the film *Scum* to a tribunal of inquiry.

The court of appeal was divided 3-2 in its decision. The majority (Sir John Donaldson, Lord Justice Browne-Wilkinson and Lord Justice Mustill) held that the IBA was not in breach of its duty under section 4(1) of the Broadcasting Act 1981.

The MASTER OF THE ROLLS, giving the judgment of the court, said that at 11.30pm on June 10, 1983, Channel 4 broadcast a film called *Scum*. It ran for about 12 hours.

Mrs Whitehouse saw the film, was shocked and began proceedings for judicial review alleging that in allowing the film to be shown the Independent Broadcasting Authority was in breach of its statutory duty, under section 4(1) of the Broadcasting Act 1981.

For the purpose of the appeal, it was important to make a clear distinction between the methods adopted by the IBA with a view, *inter alia*, to discharging its duty under section 4(1) of the Act.

In 1983, independent television broadcasting lasted for 13,000 hours. Manifestly the appointed members of the IBA could not personally monitor such an output in order to ensure compliance with the Act and they did not seek to do so.

The 16 programme companies were required by the IBA to submit their proposed schedule of programmes in advance. Those were considered by the staff of the IBA.

The initial consideration was by a specialist in the relevant kind of programme and if he thought that a proposed programme might offend against section 4(1) (a) - the "taste and decency" provision - or any other such provision, it was his duty to bring it to the attention of his superiors. When that occurred, those superiors could, and in this instance did, include the Director General of the IBA and the Director and Deputy Director of Television.

In general, decisions were taken by senior officers of the IBA. If those officers had a particular programme in mind, they would refer it to the Director General.

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In addition the members of the IBA received periodic reports from the staff on complaints received from the public.

In December 1982, Channel 4 notified Mr O'Hagan, the television programme officer with particular responsibility for film, of their intention to broadcast the film *Scum* at 9 pm on Tuesday March 1, 1983.

Mr O'Hagan knew that the title *Scum* had originally been given to a television play made by the BBC as part of their "Play For Today" series and eventually rejected for broadcasting by senior BBC staff in early 1978. He further knew that the play had been privately shown to the Press and that there had been considerable discussion in the arts and that, under the IBA, the BBC's decision not to screen it.

Mr O'Hagan also knew that subsequently a cinema film called *Scum* had been made and was put on general release in September 1979. That film was widely shown in the United Kingdom (having been given an X certificate by the British Board of Film Censors) and in London for several weeks.

Mr O'Hagan viewed the film with Mr Glenross, then Deputy Director of Television. They sent a memorandum to Mr Shaw, the Director of Television, expressing grave doubts about screening it.

Mr Shaw duly viewed the film. He then sent a minute to the Director General, in which he said: "There are very considerable doubts within the division about allowing the film to be shown. It has, in our view, little merit as a film and shows all the signs of exploitation which followed the BBC's decision to ban the television production..."

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THE ARTS: 2

Theatre

Incredulity at a leaden pace

Intermezzo
Greenwich

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Like the previous play, *Intermezzo* examines the case of a Viennese artist losing his way in the middle years, and divided between love and friendship. It is the same, small, overheated world where nothing exists except art and personal relationships, and in which the sovereignty of the master artist goes unquestioned.

That is a difficult premise for modern audiences to accept, but in the case of *Intermezzo* — notwithstanding characters with names like Amadeus Adams and Countess Moosheim which suggest that Woody Allen has been let loose on the Ringstrasse — there is the perennially interesting central topic of an open marriage experiment.

Kappelmeister Amadeus, long and happily married to a famed opera singer, proposes that they go their separate sexual ways on condition that they preserve a friendship based on complete candour. Cecilia, the singer, agrees and departs for a season in Berlin where she does rather better, professionally and personally, than does her husband, who gets stuck with his own opera and is waiting for a hot-blooded Count to catch up with his own half-hearted adultery.

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One does not need to be clairvoyant to predict that the science-fiction writer Arthur C. Clarke's *World of Strange Powers*, Yorkshire's 13-part documentary series which began last night, will enthral a large audience though, on the strength of the first, it may not enlighten them. The paranormal is a puller and Mr Clarke, who makes his observations from his Sri Lankan home, has a faithful following. In *Warnings from the Future*, he dealt with premonition.

Mr Clarke was in a minority on the programme in that he has never had such a warning and does not want one. There were some quite remarkable ones to consider. Mr David

To cultivate a receptive attitude towards these events, you have firmly to suppress any speculation over what Feydeau might have made of them. And, even then, the plot takes a long time to disentangle itself from languid philosophizing through cigarette smoke. You have to resist the red herring of Amadeus's creative block, and put up with the winsome figure of his librettist, Albertus, who appears to be writing a piece based on his colleague's marital dramas.

However, truthful things do get said from time to time. Schnitzler shows extreme skill in suggesting poisonous undercurrents behind commonplace conversation; and the collapse of these two coolly rational people into enraged spasms of desire and the lust for independence finally ignites the dramatic fire.

On Mr Fettes's stage, though, it is hard to tell whether to respond with gasps of awe or rude laughter, thanks to the spectacularly miscast Amadeus of Jonathan Kent. Evidently conceived as a Mahler-like figure in middle-life, Mr Kent plays him as a boyish poseur, forever striking great composer attitudes with finger to temple or hand on breast; and ultimately descending from supercilious narcissism into blubbery hysteria.

Sheila Gish's Cecilia, cloaking revelations under delicate ambiguities as impenetrable as her whole-bodied costume and stainless steel coiffure, has the full measure of the part, however improbably partnered.

As in *The Lonely Road*, the pace is leaden, and the action underlined with ominous post-Amadeus knife-chords. Yolanda Sonnabend gets the piece amid three walls of pigeon-holes housing shattered fragments of antiquity, and with busts of the mighty dead looking down on the solemn follies of the secession.

Irving Wardle

Dracula Royal Lyceum, Edinburgh

Liz Lochhead's *Dracula* is the most courageous production this Lyceum company have mounted yet — and, at its best, by far the most inventive. But it does fall short of its full potential, with the second part coming nowhere near the quality of the first, which recreates the myth with startling, original force. Lochhead's adaptation does not just put together another version of the horror story, but pushes deep beneath the surface of Bram Stoker's novel to keep bringing into half-light the subconscious area where fascination for any horror story begins.

Telling the tale, she develops the one-dimensional characters of Stoker's dry text into complex human beings, portrayed with humour, vivacity and affection. In Hugh Hodgart's production they move

with unsuspecting confidence about a huge, grey set (Gregory Smith) that, although dappled with sunlight for Lucy and Mina Westernman, becomes a prison for the lunatic, Renfield, and in fact forms a screen before Dracula's castle. The characters' daily lives come across as suspended, fragile, against this enormous, constant threat to sanity — a tension built on by David McIven's music, which escapes all horror clichés by creating an unbearable, inhuman sound that relentlessly pounds and grinds.

Stoker was unaware that he was revealing a complex, subconscious area of imagination, where suppressed eroticism, fear and religious fervour can begin to coalesce. Lochhead develops this, and makes fascinating use of language from poetry to simple word-games, to bring out associations which usually remain unarticulated, but which go deep into the individual and far back into folklore, emerging dressed as superstitions and the more

future but from our own minds. It seemed a let-down.

On Thames, *Widows*, predictably returned for a further six-part demonstration that women can succeed in crime, too. Actually chief widow Dolly (Ann Mitchell) is not bereaved at all. Her husband is alive, nastily well and bent on a share of the loot she accumulated in the previous series and the marital property she has appropriated.

It is quite well done though one wishes that one of the widows might have come from Glasgow or, at least, somewhere north of Watford, just to provide relief from the south London slurrings.

Dennis Hackett

Jazz

Cedar Walton Trio Ronnie Scott's

The deaths during the past year of Kenny Clarke, Shelly Manne and Frank Butler have severely reduced the number of great practitioners of classical modern jazz drumming, whose coolly intricate art came between the showmen of the Thirties and the free-thinkers of the Sixties. Among the survivors, none deserves greater eminence than Billy Higgins, who is to be found in London this week and next playing in the sort of context that suits him best.

Now in his late forties, Higgins first came to notice as a

member of Ornette Coleman's controversial quartet when "free jazz" went into labour 25 years ago. There was nothing revolutionary, though, about Higgins's own playing style — simply a refinement of the basic techniques and the application of a sense of swing so beautifully lubricated that his colleagues this week, the pianist Cedar Walton and the bassist David Williams, seem to be playing on a cushion of air.

Like all the best drummers, Higgins draws pretty tones from his equipment, combining them into subtle textures that seem to welcome and envelop the soloist. Head cocked, an appraising smile in his eyes, torso immobile, he can change the

entire climate of the group's music with the thinnest flick of his wrist. A sort of "Satin Doll" was the vehicle for his mastery of the receding art of wire brushes, which in his hands flutter and rustle like the wings of a thousand small birds; an intricate up-tempo composition by Walton, called, I think, "Groundwork", framed one of his extraordinary cymbal solos, in which the room seemed to be filled with silver snowflakes, dazzling the senses.

Walton, whose tenure with Art Blakey's Jazz Messengers long ago marked him out as a musician of quiet excellence, has benefited for many years from Higgins's splendid encouragement, and has now welded

together a group combining the virtues of many jazz piano trios. The foundation, naturally, is the genuine three-way conversation pioneered by Bill Evans, but Walton adds a heavier weight of muscle to that intricate frame, sometimes employing the exuberant block-chords of Red Garland.

The gift that sets him apart is a mastery of the details of improvised structure, of the quickly turned phrases that muffle thought to thought, mood to mood and chorus to chorus. Such care is evident in the entire presentation of a beautifully balanced, emotionally generous and thoroughly satisfying group.

Richard Williams

Dance

Subdued lyricism

Ballet de Montréal
Sadler's Wells

Eddy Toussaint's company from Québec has been going for 11 years but there was a look of young earnestness about their opening programme at Sadler's Wells on Tuesday. The first impression one draws is that the dancers, especially the two principals, are rather good; but to that one quickly has to add that they are, or are allowed to appear, good only within narrow limits.

In theory the programme is varied in mood, but in practice nothing seems very different from the rest. The comic opening of *Alexis le traître* is only mildly lively, its curiously dramatic ending more strange than striking. The duet *Un Simple Moment* starts and ends with an erotic pose but in between all is very proper, not at all imposed, *Cantate* attempts an air of religiosity to parts of two Bach cantatas (35 and 36) but achieves merely a kind of pi-faced solemnity.

The general mood all through these is of a subdued sentimental lyricism which reaches its apotheosis in *Concerto en mouvement*, to Bruch's First Violin Concerto. I hope it will not seem unkind if I say the predominant flavour is of saccharin, a somewhat artificial sweetness.

The feeling of sameness is partly brought about by a preference for white tights as costuming most of the time, varied by long white skirts for the all-male cast in the Bach and white trimmings round head, waist, arm or knee for the Bruch. Toussaint's choreography is primarily responsible, however, since he restricts

himself mostly to the same few steps over and over again.

They are mainly the more forceful steps of standard ballet technique, but not very forcefully arranged, presented singly rather than building to powerful effect, so everything actually looks small in scale.

Bold, simple arm movements seem his favourite way of attempting a climax, and, although there were at times as many as 19 dancers at once on the Sadler's Wells stage, they never looked cramped as one would expect if all dancing full out.

Anik Bissonnette and Louis Robitaille, who dance the duet already mentioned and have the leads in the Bruch ballet, make a very favourable impression even though the choreography leaves me itching to know whether they can do equally well outside the narrow range allowed them.

It is as partners that they excel, especially in the duet (to the usual hit of Albinoni). Both of them slender and pretty, they show perfect control and coordination: her balances, and the way she combines long, slow arm movements with amazingly quick adjustments of her weight and position, are exceptional.

An anonymous but capable orchestra conducted by Martin Merry plays the concerto, with Adelina Oprean the admirable violin soloist. The Albinoni and Bach, requiring an organ and chorus, have to be played from recordings, and the folksy score by Dominique Triblay for *Alexis* was written specially for the steel violin invented by his friend Philippe Gagnon, who recorded it for the ballet with harmonica solo by Alain Lamontagne. An odd evening musically.

John Percival



Improbable partnership: Jonathan Kent and Sheila Gish in *Intermezzo*



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The Times Profile: The English parish

Easter is, after Christmas, the most populous time of year for those Anglican parish churches - a point of the calendar at which vicars and regular worshippers throughout the country hope to find local evidence of increased congregations, which have risen from a post-war nadir of 1.2 million 15 years ago to the present figure of more than 1.5 million.

Take Figheldean, Milston and Bulford, three close-knit but changing communities in the lee of Salisbury Plain, for these parishioners the past decade has been fraught with worry and bereavement.

Long village memories recall the lean years after 1976 when congregations were literally decimated - cut to a tenth of their former size. They speak of services in bleak mid-January which put one in mind of Rudyard Kipling's poem, *Eddie at Warhead End*, in which the congregation is composed of a single donkey.

Two years into his incumbency the new man left, to be replaced by a vicar who lasted little more than a year. In came the Rev David Slater, in September, 1982, making a grand total of four vicars in six years. Small wonder he was bombarded with questions, from the laity as well as from communicants, on how many months he intended to stay.

Although the story of Figheldean is extreme, it also typifies the way individual parishes suffered as a result of the great amalgamation processes of the late 1970s. "The diocese took their decision without consulting the parishioners," says Slater. "Locally, we feel that the operation was mismanaged. It was not consultative. For example, Bulford felt deprived, bereaved and savaged. Between one vicar and the next they lost their vicarage, their parish hall and their resident priest."

Speculation about Slater's departure has only been quelled since the announcement that he is to take up the position of Rural Dean in May, a job with a

tenure of not less than five years.

The newly-created benefice runs in a dog-bone shape from north to south between Figheldean and Bulford, with unpopulated rural wings stretching eastwards towards Tidworth and westwards into Netheravon. The village of Bulford is largely composed of Army dwellings, which help to push up the population on the electoral register to around 3,000.

"That amalgamation need not be seen as a sad experience," says Slater. "The Church of England must face the fact that some of the old parish boundaries were very exclusive. The important thing is for the residents of an old parish to realize that they can retain the residual character of their neighbourhood as well as acquiring the fellowship of those that live around them. I believe that, in theological terms, it has enlarged their view."

Katherine Heritage, of Figheldean, a 37-year-old member of the parochial church council, compares the present congregations with those of a quarter of a century ago, when she lived in Bulford. "They may be smaller, but they're creeping up again, back towards the 30 or 40 mark. They're much more worshipping now than they were in those days. You don't get so many of the people who thought it was right to attend church purely for social reasons. Now we care about each other during the week as well."

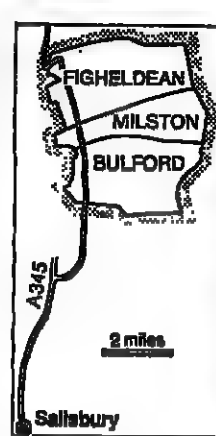
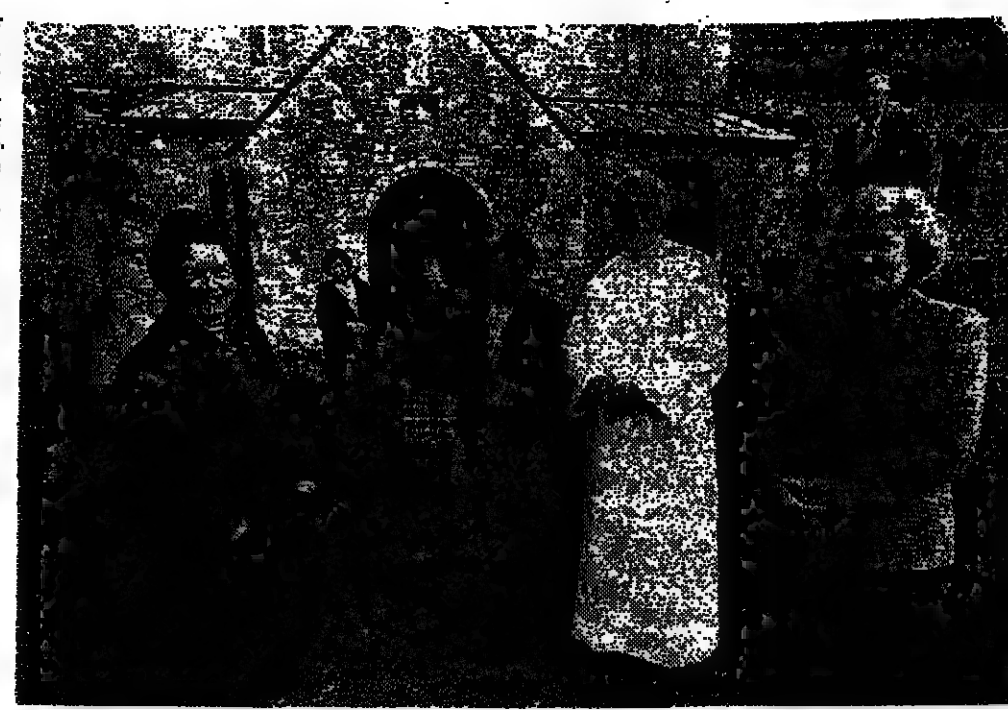
"I was a Sunday School teacher at 15. I used to use the Green Book, *Church Teaching for the Younger Child*, or something like that, which I would read during the week. My old aunt was in charge of the Sunday School. I would play *There's a Friend for Little Children*, on the organ and then go over to one side of the church while she went over to the other, and get on with doing my bit with the Green Book. But today, people are much more aware of why they're in church. It's not just social requirement any more. They don't just head for home after the service and not think about it for the next 167 hours."

In Figheldean they speak of the "terregna" much as English Royalists would have spoken of the Commonwealth - a bad time which had to be weathered for the sake of the future. "Looking back on it, we felt very despondent at times," says Mr Michael Cox, a former church warden of seven years standing. "And yet I suppose it had a purgative effect. Only the hard core of Christians remained. And they prepared the way for David. He could have come earlier and not had the same effect. He came, and there was a rock to build on. I've been to services when, if there were ten people there, you wouldn't look round to see if any more were coming, because you knew that was it."

Slater himself is a man in his late fifties, a broad six-footer in rude health; he was ordained in 1960, but pursued a career in education until three years ago. "I applied to get back into the Church and this was their first suggestion... I can remember, coming to meet the wardens of the three churches, after Even-song. One of them, his name was Leslie Dobb, came down the path and said: 'I'm dying, and I'd like to tell you that these people are very precious and I hand them into your care.' He died a week later. Spiritually he was very warm indeed. At that time I hadn't actually been offered the post, but I knew I was going to take it."

Slater's wife, Kirsten, has just started a Third World group in Bulford, and it seemed an opportune moment to ask about Figheldean's view of the Church's role in politics, particularly in the wake of the Bishop of Durham controversy. Sybil Parsons, farmer's wife, church treasurer and warden, said: "I feel the Bishop should keep to church matters and stress the importance of prayer rather than putting his finger on weak spots, especially in public. Personally I'm not offended, but it's the people outside the Church. You're trying to gather people up, and if they hear what he says, running down various sections of the community, it does harm to the Church."

"I'm astounded at what he said about the virgin birth and the resurrection," adds Sally Down, warden and grocer. "You're invited to question your religion to a certain extent," replies Katherine Heritage. "But the kind of doubts he was talking about would be better exchanged with fellow theologians."



Parish gathering: Rev David Slater (top) with (left to right) wife Kirsten, Susan Peel, Jenny Potter, Sally Down, Katherine Heritage, Sybil Parsons and Michael Cox. Above: St Michael and All Angels, Figheldean

"He was talking from an intellectual angle which most of us aren't fitted to understand," says Susan Peel, wife of a retired farmer, and member of the PCC. "I really think I can speak for most ordinary Christians. We're not stupid, but we're not particularly good theologians. When he starts talking like that, we feel somehow that we've missed out on something, or that we disapprove of what he says. We don't understand what he's getting at. I heard him on Radio Four, and I could see what he was trying to say, but the words he was using were above my head. I was very interested, but he should have reserved it for his peers."

"It should be taken down to our level. When a high-powered theologian can't put it into simple language, then there should be someone else to take it over and explain to the likes of us what it means. I'd like to be a part of the debate, but he's above my head, the way he does it."

"Like a lot of intellectuals, he probably doesn't realize it's hard to be understood by people like us," says Sybil Parsons. "There is another side to this," replies David Slater. "When it comes to involvement in politics and social problems, he is recognized by the ordinary rank and file as being an understanding man who has seen their real dilemma. I don't think he's said anything theological which is very extraordinary in his remarks on the three matters of the virgin birth, the resurrection, and the second coming... but to choose the very first moments of his ministry to come out with unprovoked statements on these very touchy issues... if he could only have avoided phrases like 'conjecturing tricks with bones'."

PARISH NOTES

- The United benefice of Figheldean, Milston and Bulford was created in May 1982 by an Order of Her Majesty The Queen in Council. It is composed of three formerly separate parishes with respective electoral rolls of 500, 90, and 2,400.
- The parish of Milston-cum-Brigmerston recorded its first rector in 1290. Average congregations during the 1970s were between 12 and 15.
- First references to the parish church at Figheldean appear in the charter of Henry I. Average congregations during the 1970s were also between 12 and 15.
- Bulford parish church dates back to the 13th century. Average congregations during the past decade: 30.
- Figheldean and Milston were combined in the early 1940s, and joined by Bulford 10 years ago. Since then they have been served by a single vicar, while retaining their own parochial church councils.
- Baptisms during 1984: 21 (Bulford 13, Milston 6, Figheldean 2).
- Marriages: 16 (Bulford 10, Milston 1, Figheldean 5).
- Church burials: 10 (Bulford 4, Milston 2, Figheldean 4).
- The only other church within the benefice is the Bulford Independent Congregational Church.

answer was 'No, he's not.' Yes, I think he's made my life more difficult with some of those who are outside the Church and critical of it."

Rosemary Bamber, a 17-year-old A-level student, sees the problems of the benefice in the context of a grander scheme. "We can look at the bad things of the past ten years and say 'Poor us.' But, for all that, God has a purpose, and it all fits in with his plan for the universe, for everything. This has been an important part of our history, and he's going to carry on through us, building something really good."

"Suffering can bring strength, either now or later. If we can just open ourselves up to the idea that God is wanting to work among us, then we can let the blessings start pouring in."

As she speaks, the older members of the congregation look almost abashed by the girl's zeal. But when you ask whether they agree with her sentiments, not a single head shakes in disagreement.

Alan Franks

George Hill explains why this weekend's West Country tidal wave spectacle may become a thing of the past

Barrage threat to the magnificent Severn bore

Who will rally round to protect the great West Country bore? If it were a species of duck, all the wildlife protection societies would be out campaigning for it. If it were a stationary natural feature, all the environmentalists would be imploring the Government to clap a preservation order on it, or declare it a site of special scientific interest (and much help that would be). It is not, however, a feature so much as an event, not a bird but a rhythm, and you can scarcely put a preservation order on something that is not there most of the time. Yet it is under grave and almost unnoticed threat.

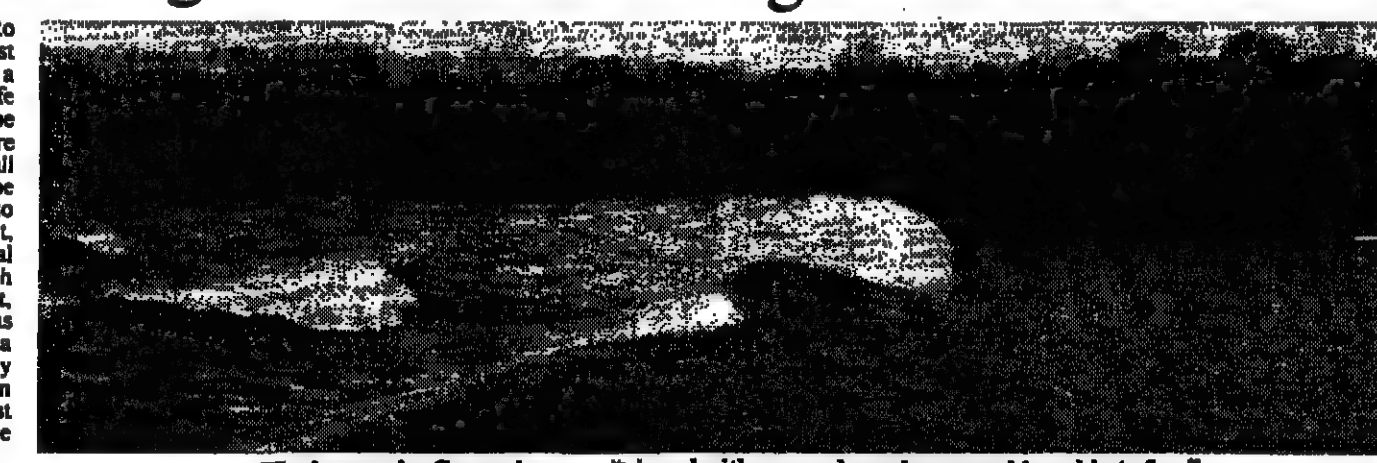
The Severn bore is the most remarkable dynamic natural curiosity in the British Isles. We have nothing much in the way of volcanoes, geysers or avalanches, and our lives are the more comfortable for it. But the Severn bore is still what it always was and always will be unless Whitehall decides to build a hydro-electric barrage across the estuary. Last week the Government announced that it was committing a further £220,000 to studies of the barrage as a power source and as a new traffic route to relieve the overpressed Severn Bridge.

At the highest tides of the year, and especially at the equinoxes, the bore runs for 20 miles along the winding river below Gloucester, travelling at 10 or 12 miles an hour and reaching a height of up to 10 feet. It is an uncanny sight because it has no visible cause and seems to carry its energy with it like a living thing. In front of it the sluggish river may be quite still between its steep banks; behind it muddy waves thrash confusedly with a self-generated ferocity, and in a few minutes the river has filled its channel and begun to spread out over the water-meadows.

"I have seen many hundreds of bores and the feeling is always the same," says Fred Rowbottom, former District Engineer of the Severn Water Board, whose book *The Severn Bore* is the best guide to how and when it occurs, and where it can best be seen away from the crowds. As well as awe and wonder, he says, there is always "something akin to fear, not fear of the bore but of being in the presence of some relentless and irresistible power".

Nowadays hundreds or even thousands of people turn up to watch when a big bore is predicted. Immediately it has passed, they get into ludicrous muddy snarl-ups with their cars, racing a few miles upstream to see the monster charging past again.

In recent years the bore has



The impressive Severn bore... "viewed with awe and wonder, something akin to fear"

attracted riders in wet-suits, who race along on the wave-crest in kayaks - there may be as many as 70 starters on the narrow river in the annual kayak race from Newnham to Minsterworth in September, though only half as many may finish. Then there are the surfboarders, who claim to have ridden the bore for more than four miles.

The bore is unpredictable. Tide-tables can give a guide to when it may be worth seeing.

There are other bores in Britain and elsewhere. The tide in the Humber estuary drives similar, but smaller, waves up the Yorkshire Ouse and the Trent, where they are called the "eggs", derived from Scandinavian names for "wave".

There are similar phenomena in the Solway Firth, the Amazon and on the Yangtze, which reputedly has the largest bore of all, though its alleged height is only a foot or two more than the maximum claimed for the Severn. At Beachley on the Severn, the tidal range has been known to reach 50 feet. Only in the Bay of Fundy in Canada has a greater range been recorded.

A bore is a rhythmic phenomenon, occurring only in estuaries whose shape and size set up what is technically, and poetically, called a "resonance". As the channel narrows, the cycle of the tide concentrates and intensifies the inward flow until it becomes sudden, and gradual, and the shock-wave shoots up river at high speed.

The Severn happens to respond just at the frequency of the long waves we call tides. It is a tuning-fork among estuaries, and its bore is a copy-book example of the phenomenon. Until weirs were built during the last century, it ran much further inland and was still a dangerous force at Tewkesbury, 50 miles from the sea.

The River Seine used to have a respectable bore, *le mazarin*, but the building of harbour works spoiled the resonance and took away most of its punch. Far more drastic alterations are threatened for the Severn. The project for a tidal barrage there has been discussed for at least 70 years. It has been seriously investigated several times since the French built a large hydro-electric barrage on the Rance estuary in the 1960s.

Now a new scheme proposed by the team that designed and built the Thames barrier, suggests that a barrage could be built more cheaply than earlier studies had implied. The consulting engineers Rendel Palmer and Triton claim that a nine-mile barrage could supply as much energy as four or five nuclear power stations at two

thirds of the price per kilowatt, and meet as much as 7 1/2 per cent of total British demand for electricity. They estimate that the cost of the project can be brought down from £5,645m to £3,713m.

The Government's own study group is likely to report in the next few months, and if the Government found itself looking for spectacular schemes in the run-up to the next election, it might see the Severn project - said to be able to create 60,000 jobs, at least temporarily - as a tempting one.

The plan would be controversial because it might have drastic effects on wildlife in the vast millpond that would be created in the estuary above the barrage. With its wide and succulent mud-flats exposed at low tide, the Severn is one of the greatest wintering grounds in Europe for several species of

wader and other wildfowl, including the redshank, curlew, shelduck and Bewick's swan. Parts of it were designated "key sites" for protection in the 1977 Nature Conservation Review.

Some of the sting of controversy might be drawn by the reflection, for some conservationists, that even a blow to wildfowl populations might be a lesser evil than the waste products from five nuclear power stations.

There is a cheerful side to all these changes. The Severn today is admittedly bleak, inaccessible and turbid. A relatively sheltered, relatively tideless, reservoir would be far more attractive for boating, angling, water-skiing and swimming. The savings from flooding are estimated at £8 million a year.

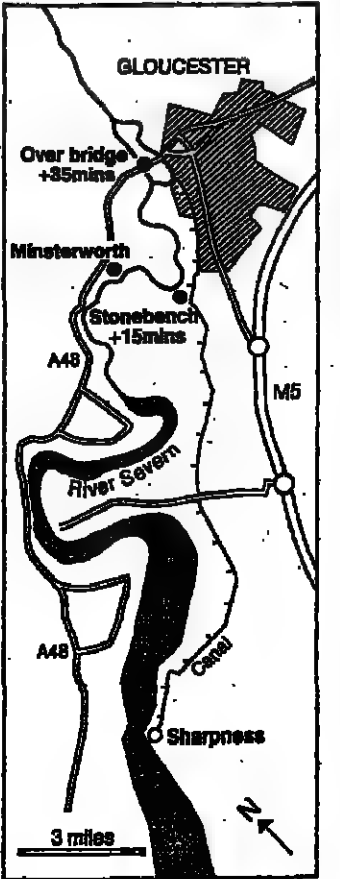
There is no denying that the Severn is a fierce and unmanageable stretch of water. That is the essence of its character. Just a few times a year all its fierceness is concentrated into one wave and travels inland through the peaceful water-meadows almost to the walls of Gloucester Cathedral, like a piece of the sea come visiting.

It is not inconsiderable tourist attraction on its own account, and a far more distinctive one than the marina and bathing beaches which might shelter inside a barrage. Yet when the planners are making their calculations of peace per kilowatt and their projections of future road traffic to Wales, how will they put a costing on a tidal wave?

THE SEVERN BORE: WHEN TO SEE IT

Approximate times at Minsterworth, Gloucestershire Prospect: Small **Medium ***Fairly large ****Large

Date	Time	Time
April		
4	08.48	21.15
5	09.31	21.55
6	10.14	22.35
7	10.49	23.10
8	11.29	
May		
4	08.24	20.51
5	09.06	21.32
6	09.51	22.14
7	10.32	
August		
19	10.52	22.28
20	11.28	23.05
21	11.28	23.45
September		
15	09.14	21.28
16	09.54	22.07
17	10.30	22.45
18	11.08	23.22
October		
13	08.49	20.22
14	09.29	21.04
15	09.29	21.45
16	10.08	22.26
17	10.46	23.03
November		
11		18.54
12	07.24	19.42
13	08.08	20.25
14	08.50	21.08
15	09.30	
December		
12	07.51	
13	08.36	



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10 Egyptian queen (9)

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13 Declines (7)

14 Accumulate (5)

15 Off skin (9)

16 Pair (3)

25 US journalist award (8,5)

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1 Set fire to (6)

2 Pointed stake (6)

3 Amulus (8)

4 Agree (6)

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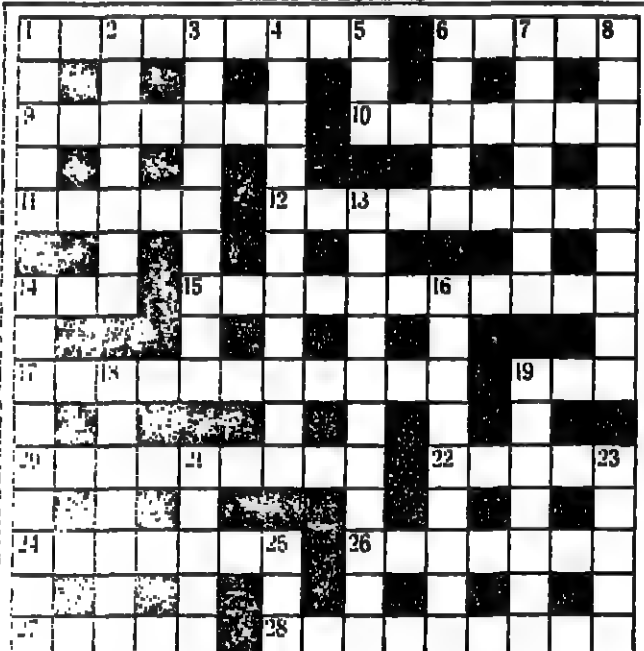
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9 This go-between is a regular little twister (7)

12 Metal that is wood (7)

13 The Red Norseman grabs a girl (5)

14 See how the duck goes, and do two heel riddles (3-6)

15 An inbuilt improver, according to Warts (3)

16 Walk up Snow Hill and get a stitch (7-4)

17 Cleaning, using soft soap (11)

19 Very many indeed have no pride in the armed forces (3)

20 Old ship's captain and Rhineland city chief (9)

22 Mark new underclothes (5)

24 Forthright, I see about Granny (7)

26 Investing can make men a bit mad (7)

27 12, but smoother (5)

28 Ingredient added to medicine following publicity (9)
- DOWN

1 Back to put butter on (5)

2 Until that is put in order, this is useless (7)

3 It's the Russian collar for Asian ruler under a bad star (9)

4 Singer supports supplier of piped music for the summer visitor (4-7)

5 Use your loaf (or your nut) here (3)

6 Military stove-pipe? (5)

7 The Commonwealth country with the French emperor (7)

8 Flower for the Admiral to hang out (9)

10 Heat for our race covers officers only (7,4)

11 The gamble is about up if this is right (9)

12 Stare open-eyed at the buffet - what a picture! (6-3)

13 Excited Italian has a go at it in a stew (7)

14 Fashion meant getting a posh gown (7)

15 The story teller's ladybird (5)

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BOOKS

Surrogate religion: bogus science

James Fenton reviews a book that examines the British cult of spooks, seances and spirits

THE OTHER WORD
Spiritualism and Psychical
Research in England 1850-
1914
By Janet Oppenheim
Cambridge, £25

wearing into a gown so thin that it could be rolled up into a tight bundle. When Sir George Stirling saw through Florence Cook, it was because he noticed her corsets under the spirit gown, put



eternal damnation. A common journey, for the Victorian mind, was from Christianity to atheism (which felt too cold) and thence to spiritualism (which argued that the spirit's departure to the next world was part of a progress to a higher order of existence). This explains why so many key secular thinkers had brushes with the movement. You didn't have to believe in God to believe in the spirits. In fact, spiritualism had a very neat way of eliminating God while preserving a kind of religion based on scientific evidence.

Oh but the evidence - that was a bit of a disappointment. Huxley, answering a plea from Alfred Russel Wallace (a keen investigator) puts it eloquently: "I never cared for gossip in my life, and disembodied gossip, such as these worthy ghosts supply their friends with, is not more interesting to me than any other." And on another occasion: "Better live a crossing-sweeper than die and be made to talk twaddle by a 'medium' hired at a guinea a seance." Wallace, I am sorry to say, believed in a medium who had persuaded his ghosts to eat baked apples in front of an audience. And he testified in court on his medium's behalf.

Apparently a significant number of the mediums were noble young women, no better than they ought to be, who, when the lights were turned down, changed out of what they were

An old hack, and growing up

FICTION
Philip Howard

LIVES OF THE POETS
A Novella & Six Stories
By E. L. Doctorow
Michael Joseph, £8.95

OUT OF THE SHELTER
By David Lodge
Secker & Warburg, £8.95

I WISH THIS WAR WERE OVER
By Diana O'Hair
Chatto & Windus, £8.95

THE HEROIC AGE
By Stratford Hall
Methuen, £8.95

York literati in their middle fifties with word-block. It manages to say something useful about life as well as about the narrow self-indulgent theme of the hell of being a

middle-aged creative writer. David Lodge's fourth novel fell stillborn from the press in 1970, riddled with cuts and misprints, and was rapidly pulped, in an episode that could well have happened in one of his later academic comedies. Lodge's new publishers today reissue a new edition, for which he has restored some of the cuts, and made many small stylistic alterations.

This is the most obviously autobiographical of Lodge's fictions, being the story of how a clever Catholic schoolboy grows up while on holiday with his older sister, who works for the American Army in Heidelberg just after the war. It is part Bildungsroman about the passage from childhood to maturity, and part Jamesian international novel.

The book is a charming period piece, heavy with nostalgia for vanished childhood. Because it is Lodge, it has more

than enough about the Catholic hang-ups about guilt and girls. It is interesting to see him deploying techniques that he has since perfected.

O'Hair, poet and professor of creative writing, has written another smashing Bildungsroman about that old world watershed, the end of the last war. It is set in the United States, lovingly recaptured in the clothes, groceries, and movies, and the character doing the growing up is a very red head called Helen from California, as hard as nails and as smart as a pussy-cat. Father pushed off and got himself killed with the Republicans in Spain. Mother is a Renoir earth-goddess without the composure of a mad, sad, splendid old bag who is also a lush, Helen, aged 19, sets off across wartime America to come to the aid of mother, and in the train passes into one of mother's old boyfriends. It happens in a faraway

country, in a world of long ago, to somebody of an alien sex. But the novel is full of the universal love and pain of growing up. It is also very funny. We shall be lucky to get another first novel half as good as this year.

Growing up at the end of the war was no doubt hell and glory wherever you were. It was savage in Greece, where the Civil War turned people into animals, and the head-hunters were not recruiting agencies. Another poet has written a book about growing up in Greece, when the heroic age for men was between six and fourteen; at six one was too old to be a child, and too young to be a soldier, though it did not stop one killing. The heroic age for women anywhere is from the moment they die. This story of a young boy caught on the wrong side in that Stone Age war, rehabilitated on a prison island, and finding himself is brutal, but has the ring of truth. In spite of wars and dynasties passing, the children keep on taking over life.

Strange old French sexual customs

Fiona MacCarthy

TRIAL BY IMPOTENCE
Virility and Marriage in
Pre-Revolutionary France
By Pierre Darmon
Translated by Paul Keegan
Chatto & Windus, £10.95

With this new book he launches an attack on what he sees as the gross myth of virility. He is passionately on the side of impotence, claiming in fact that the impotent have been up to now unjustifiably neglected.

The cruel treatment by the Ancien Régime in France of the mad, the poor, the sodomites, the blasphemers and alchemists has been well-documented, but the attitude to impotence was perhaps more scandalous and very much more interesting.

It is one of the dramatic paradoxes of a subject overflowing with hypocrisies and oddities that the conduct of these public trials of sexual potency was in the hands of the celibates, the priests. Through in the Middle Ages actions brought for impotence had been dealt with in an atmosphere of reasonable decorum, by the end of the 16th century, as the Church became more authoritarian on sexual behaviour, involving itself obsessively in such queer ques-

attempt at a renaissance, before witnesses, of marital relations with the woman, who had brought the case of impotence against him. Not surprisingly, a failure was more common than a triumph. "I am ruined," cried the Marquis De Launay, rising unsuccessfully from a specially notorious trial of congress held in Paris. According to contemporary reports, his kindfolk "dared not raise their eyes and most of them did go away."

No one emerged from the trials with much credit. Not those empowered by the courts to implement them, the shadowy corps of surgeons, physicians, midwives, and the cackling ancient matrons positioned round the bed. Not the friends and relations of the plaintiffs and defendants, the mothers-in-law proving the most virulent figures, the most deeply enmeshed in that dubious morality which the trial for impotence encouraged. And certainly not the public, running "as if to a fire," in the words of one amazed bystander, to be present at proceedings which the Church had sanctioned as a kind of reverse marriage, with a considerable level of publicity and pomp.

And what of the protagonists, said much-reviled non-combatants? One would have liked more evidence of the effect of these humiliating trials on those who underwent them. But perhaps, for many of the victims, they proved so traumatic that they ended in long silence. Almost the only vocal one of Pierre Darmon's defendants is the Baron d'Argentan, he of the hidden testicles who, although the judgement of the courts had gone against him, insisted that his absence of "virile testicles" was by no means proof of his impotence. Far from it, it was only because he died that a (very public) autopsy revealed what nature had concealed from view: two perfectly-formed culions. The Baron was proved potent. But alas too late.

Future unrest called peace

Woodrow Wyatt

HOW WARS END
By A. J. P. Taylor
Hamish Hamilton, £10.95
paperback £8.95

These are the commentaries for A. J. P. Taylor's Channel Four Series, *How Wars End*, beginning on 11 April. They will be the best possible history lesson, combining entertainment with instruction. A. J. P. Taylor is the most gifted teacher on television which is probably why he never became Regius Professor of History at Oxford, the other dons affecting to despise dons who take mass audiences seriously.

Necessarily short, the texts are invested with palpable authority. The comments are often abrupt, sometimes like Mr Jingle's, but they rest on a shipload of research and knowledge.

I query a few: it was Poland, which had nearly caused a war in 1920, which caused a war in 1939. That seems a flippant explanation of Hitler's behaviour.

So does the comment on the consequences of the Versailles conference which put three million Germans in Czechoslovakia out of a population of ten million: "It is difficult to believe that Hitler had a grievance without any justification."

However, the settlements organized by Woodrow Wilson, Lloyd George, Clemenceau, and Orlando (all of whom frequently had difficulty in finding on the map the places whose

fates they decided) support his contention that they were inept. It should have been obvious that they would not bring pacification but further trouble.

Taylor is a rare historian who cares about the wretched treatment of Hungary after both world wars. Each time bad luck prevented the Hungarians turning up as nominal allies of the victors just before hostilities ended. 300,000 Hungarians established for 1,000 years in what became Czechoslovakia were driven out; between half and one million Transylvanian Hungarians are still forced to live denied their national rights and language in Romania.

As Taylor observes, the greatest wars do not end tidily and the peace treaties which eventually emerge are so opportunistic that they cast shadows of unrest ahead of them. The distribution of Europe looks desirable, and unshakable to the superpowers but not to many millions who one day will reassert their national heritages, including the insistence on the unification of Germany. So far

the nuclear deterrent has held the dispositions of the gods in place, but the underlings will not always be acquiescent.

Yet, unlike Taylor, who regards nuclear weapons as the "most threatening danger that hangs over civilization," I believe it is their existence which will prevent the inevitable struggles for adjustment turning into a repetition of the last world war.

Taylor is odd about the surrender of Japan. He claims in one paragraph that the dropping of the atom bomb was an unnecessary catalyst, designed only to assure Congress that money on its development had not been wasted; and in another that the Japanese were determined not to surrender after Hitler's defeat. Taylor admits that despite the Hiroshima bomb the Japanese did not respond with unconditional surrender and that it needed a second bomb for the Emperor to overrule the military and declare it.

Throughout the series Taylor's objectivity never wavers, even occasionally when his abhorrence of nuclear weapons mildly unbiases him. Set against the whole this is a small point. It is a delight that, at 79, the great educator flourishes undimmed.

The Wets

Alan Gibson

BOAT RACE: THE
OXFORD REVIVAL
By Daniel Topolski
Collins, £12.95

Dan Topolski rowed for Oxford in 1967 (won) and 1968 (lost). He became quite a name in international oarsmen, but even more famous, at least in this country, as the senior Oxford coach. He has told the story of his nine triumphant coaching years in this book. It is partisan, as his very title declares, but it is vigorously and entertainingly written (though I am sorry that an Oxford man does not know the meaning of the "fortuitous"), and employs the phrase "from whence". It will give Oxford readers much pleasure, and Cambridge readers much source for cheerful argument.

Topolski was fortunate, though no doubt also fortuitous, in the period it fell to him to guide and review. Apart from his series of good crews, he has been close to a number of newsworthy events (especially since Ladbroke's took the sponsorship) which have kept the Boat Race in the public eye: there was 1973, when a strong Oxford crew, with the fierce American Sawyer at stroke, were beaten by 13 lengths in boat, ill-equipped for rough weather.

Topolski, and his book, were luckiest of all in 1984, when Cambridge smashed up their boat before the start, and in the re-row Oxford broke the record. "We are the Prussians of rowing", Cambridge used to say, and I must admit that I relished the sight of their broken bow pointing to the skies without a stroke struck in anger. But the Prussians have their revenge for Jena, and I doubt if the next decade of the Boat Race will be anything like so satisfactory. Topolski has been a felix opportunist moris - or at least of his publication.

The maze as a state of mind

Stuart Evans

SOLSTICE
By Joyce Carol Oates
Cape, £8.95

THE FALL OF KELVIN
WALKER
A Fable of the Sixties
By Alasdair Gray
Canongate, £7.95

This intellectually and emotionally complex story the women accompany one another, by turns, into the darkness of themselves at the time of the eclipse of the sun, the Winter solstice. A demanding and fascinating novel in which the writing is superb, the imagery striking, though some may think that heroic effort should have a more positive conclusion. Kelvin Walker is a staid, humourless, hilariously formal

young Scot who arrives in the London of the sixties to make his fortune. More naive than Candide, he has discovered a more dangerous mentor than Pangloss in Nietzsche. Without qualifications, he has set himself a first job at £5,000 a year; and that and will justify any means. His gift for words is formidable. Befriended by an insouciant girl and her turbulent lover, he coos his way into various high places before being thrown out. Eventually he finds a niche in television, where they need "a simpleton who asks out of sheer naivety, all the most pointed and devastating questions." But Kelvin, in attracting the girl away from the lover, discovers that God is alive and well and on his side. Later he jumps one ditch too far when Lord Haversack offers him a newspaper column in which to rant morally.

The satire is deadpan and ferocious. Kelvin's absurdity underlines the ridiculous values which doom him to success. The resolution is acid enough, but the so-called "anticlimax" is vitriolic. It is hardly necessary to comment on the high quality of the writing.

The real thing

Tim Heald

TENNIS: A CUT ABOVE
THE REST
By Chris Ronaldson
Innbrook, £14.95

The final section is a largely autobiographical fragment drawing on the champion's experiences as a tennis pro at Oxford, Melbourne, Toot, and Bordeaux; and now Hampton Court. It emerges from this that tennis is enjoying a modest boom and a minor social revolution.

The game still has a certain exclusivity though. You won't find this book in anything as vulgar as a bookshop. It's available only from Hampton Court with an extra £1.75 for post and packing.

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Royal challenge

When it comes to writing "What I did in my school holidays", a certain 17-year-old at Sherborne school must find it very tricky indeed. Before Crown Prince Makoshevi can accede to the throne of Swaziland he must meet two requirements - firstly that he is a virgin, and secondly that he is potent. The Swazis were satisfied of the first condition when they elected him from the late King Sobhuza's 160 odd children in 1983, but now I am told Makoshevi has the task of proving the second. Meanwhile the small matter of the prince's fees at Sherborne - £5,070 a year - are being dealt with by his mother, Queen Regent Ntombi, who has just asked every adult in Swaziland to contribute about £1 each towards his education. Foreign Office sources say the British are preparing to play a guardian role by advising the Swaziland High Commission to give him a good grounding, at say, Sandhurst or the LSE before he finally dons his regal robes.

Caught out

The London listings magazine *Time Out* has just started a new series called "Two Nations" which examines the extremes of "Thatcher's Britain", kicking off last week with the plight of London's down and outs. There's not much doubt about which nation its own readers inhabit. That week it took a full-page advertisement in *Media Week* boasting how *Time Out* readers were more likely to buy from Habitat than *Observer* magazine readers, buy more rack hi-fi than *New Musical Express* readers, consume more gin than *Country Life* readers and take even more overseas holidays than *Sunday Times* readers.

● The Friends of the Royal Academy yesterday owned up that it was they - and not their equivalent at the Royal Opera - who published a "foreign tour" to Glasgow in their house magazine.

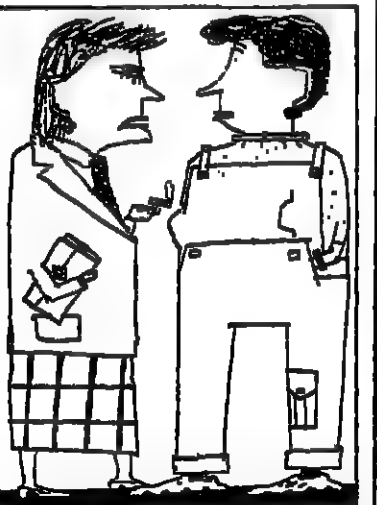
Taking cover

The Committee of Privileges' admission of defeat in tracking down the culprit who leaked its draft report brought a wry smile to Conor O'Clery, London correspondent of *The Irish Times*. He tells me that after he filed a leaked report on increased representation for Northern Ireland, MPs were invited to sign a motion condemning his paper. To O'Clery's horror, one of the signatories was the leaker himself.

News flash

The Tory campaign for the next election could be very vulgar indeed. Saatchi, their admen, have just placed ads for IBM in the French magazine *Le Point*, using microchips. The result: flashing red and green lights accompanied by a tune. Not only vulgar but expensive: IBM were landed with a 20 franc bill for each insertion - twice the cover price of the magazine.

BARRY FANTONI



"Poor Gillian: one son's a Millwall fan, the other's in the Federation of Conservative Students"

Name-dropping

Members of the National Union of Journalists at the BBC are planning a one-day strike in protest at a "massacre" of six big-name reporters. *Panorama's* Philip Tibenham and David Lomax; Nick Woolley of *Watchdog*; Luke Casey of *The Money Programme*; Glyn Worsnip of *Breakfast Time*; and Bob Wellings of *London Plus* have just been told their contracts will not be renewed in 15 months' time. Identical letters to each from Brian Wenham, director of programmes, paid a less than moving tribute to their service, merely saying: "The fact that in your case the time for a change has arrived in no way diminishes our gratitude for your work over the years." The only reasons given so far for the move have been changes in programmes and the need for fresh faces. Of those under threat, David Lomax languished in a Zimbabwe jail in the line of duty for the BBC and Glyn Worsnip has just made a film called *The Best Bargain in Britain*, demonstrating the BBC's flair for economics. It looks as though they have just found another.

Overdrive

Channel 4's battle against its bourgeois image was not assisted by this week's *Low Tech* programme. Giving "helpful hints for transforming everyday objects into inexpensive furniture", presenter Rick Ball showed wide-eyed viewers how to style an Italian all-leather armchair from the front seat of an Alfa Romeo. The seats of my Alfa, incidentally, are plastic.

PHS

There is a widespread feeling that the political cards in the United Kingdom are heavily stacked in favour of the executive - perhaps more so than in any other western democracy.

Our electoral system usually guarantees the government of the day a working majority in the only House which has any serious legislative role; and party discipline, together with personal ambition, tend to produce a fairly docile majority party.

Parliament has largely surrendered control of its procedure to the executive. The disclosure of information which is privy to the government rests securely in ministerial hands.

There are many ways in which the balance of power could be redressed, if that were the political will. I suggest one which, while involving no change in our constitution, would at least reduce the potential for arbitrary and prejudiced government.

The executive is helped by its control over the information it generates, collects and disseminates. It is awareness of this that has generated the current pressure for "freedom of information". But information - raw and undigested - is by itself often of little help in shaping and sharpening criticism. It needs to be analysed, weighed and assessed before conclusions can be reached.

This process of dispassionate analysis and assessment is a well-rehearsed one in Whitehall, where ministers are its beneficiaries. It is far less well established outside government. The opposition parties and the parliamentary select committees do not have at their service anything corresponding to the analytical machinery of government departments, but they are exposed to the pressures of special interests, where research is anything but dispassionate.

We need to fashion within our political system some independent mechanism for policy evaluation and assessment, based on an infrastructure as good as the civil service. We should establish a Standing Royal Commission (SRC), with terms of reference which would allow it freely to deliberate and

Giving Britain better brain power

by Douglas Wass

pronounce upon any issue with a political or constitutional content.

There are two institutions which already exist to perform this role. The first group consists of the select committees of both Houses of Parliament. The second are the independent research institutes. The select committees have authority and prestige, but the studies they undertake generally lack depth. The research institutes certainly carry out studies in depth, but they lack the authority and prestige of a political institution. The SRC, if it performed properly, would have both.

Some select committee studies, particularly those of the Lords, have been very good. Some research institute reports have been influential. But as a broad generalization, neither class of institution influences policy-making as much as an SRC would.

This said, let me say what my proposal is not. It is not a French Conseil d'Etat with powers of judicial or constitutional review; it is not the Think Tank in new clothing; nor is it a legislative assembly, though it has affinities with all of these. The SRC would have no decision-making, executive or legislative powers. It would have a policy-review role with freedom to make policy proposals, but its functions would only be advisory. It would perform the first half of the US Senate's role - "to advise and consent". It would, above all, be the property of the public and not of the government; a vehicle for "externalizing" experience that is now internal to government.

In the first instance it should examine those constitutional issues which rarely receive scrutiny under our present arrangements because they are sacred to some strong vested interest. Existing mechanisms for studying these matters are the *ad hoc* royal commission and the Speaker's conference.

The latter can only function effectively when all the main parties represented in Parliament are agreed upon the agenda; and the former comes into being only when the government of the day so desires. As a result, two critical constitutional issues which have preoccupied informed opinion for some time have been quietly taken off the "official" agenda: electoral reform and the future of the House of Lords.

An SRC with the traditional powers of a royal commission and the remit I have proposed would have to consist of a significant number of persons - say, a couple of hundred. It would have to operate in panels, selected from its members, on each chosen subject. Each panel would function like an individual royal commission, though it would submit its report and findings to the plenary body, who would be expected to debate and publish it together with any "plenary" comments.

The selection of members would have to be made by the government, in effect by the prime minister, who should be guided by a desire to see membership from as broad a cross-section of opinion and experience as possible. He or she should canvass various interests, such as industry,

the trade unions, academia, the professions, the press and a range of special interests. Practising party politicians would not be excluded although, as with ordinary royal commissions, they would not predominate: the role of politicians in my view is to decide - not to advise.

Membership would be for five years, without renewal (though the chairmanship would be held for less). It would entail a substantial commitment of time and energy but would not be full time and members would be encouraged to pursue their normal interests. One fifth of the members would retire every year so that the commission would be in a constant state of renovation. The permanent staff would be career civil servants seconded to the SRC for limited periods.

The cost of this body would not be insignificant. The members themselves would not be paid, but their staff (about 50 people), their premises and their support services could run to a few million pounds per year. As with "freedom of information", the cost could be seen as small in relation to the political and policy-making benefits.

How would the SRC stand in relation to other advisory bodies the government might wish to set up? The answer has to be pragmatic. The government could invite the SRC to examine a subject of its own choosing, though the SRC would be free to decline. Alternatively, the government could set up its own *ad hoc* body as it does now. Members of the public would be free to propose issues for study by the commission.

A non-elected body can never reasonably expect to have more than a marginal influence on the representative assembly when it comes to detailed law-making. What it can have is a significant influence on the formation of opinion, both within and without government. A lifetime as an insider has convinced me that an external influence of this sort is now overdue.

Based on a talk delivered yesterday at the Royal Institute for Public Administration. Sir Douglas Wass was permanent secretary to the Treasury 1974-83.

Frank Johnson

Where the war is ever present

Many

Most Britons visiting Germany, or who come to live here for a while, set out in the spirit of a famous joke was that the porters and the chambermaids, who by now can think of nothing else but the topic they have been instructed to avoid, go about saying things like "let me show you to your war" and "we hope you enjoy your war with us".

The staff could not agree more. The Germans arrive. Here my memory fades a little, but the basic joke was that the porters and the chambermaids, who by now can think of nothing else but the topic they have been instructed to avoid, go about saying things like "let me show you to your war" and "we hope you enjoy your war with us".

Possibly I have made it sound less funny than it in fact was - or more. The essential point is that Britons who come to West Germany are, spiritually, all *Fawley Towers* chambermaids. We know that it is as much a democracy as Britain, perhaps more so in its day-to-day workings. There is no outward sign that, until 40 years ago, satanism enjoyed 12 years of rule here. The cities are new and uniform. The list in the handbooks of the present republic's historic dates is oddly brief, going back only to 1949. Yet the inhabitants speak a language which has an obviously antique grammar and have formal manners.

It all suggests a thriving colony of refugees who reached safety after an old civilization had suffered some recent catastrophe. I believe the Federal Republic to be like this, a little like the cities formed by survivors from successive sacks of Rome.

My own impression, on first acquaintance, is that there is no continuity between this republic and what went before. It is a new place. But the difference between this and other colonies is that West Germany is on the same terrain as the old country from which the colonizers have voyaged. This is what gives the foreigner his eerie feeling. It is extremely difficult not to think of the "war", even though we know we should be thinking about the machine tool industry or the number of foot clinics per head of population.

There will be time enough to celebrate the Federal Republic's glories, and I intend to do so, but at the moment the mind keeps wandering back. That man over there gnawing a sausage. You think he looks as if he was of military age, what did he get up to? That well-built middle-aged woman, was she a member of the party ladies' organization presided over, one learns, by Frau Gertrud Sholtz-Klink, one of whose slogans was "the women of Germany are knitting again"? On further reflection, whatever became of Gertrud Sholtz-Klink? Another opportunity for our readers to demonstrate their scholarship.

Almost certainly, the middle-aged man and the middle-aged woman did what most Germans must have done: enjoyed a lot of it at first, but soon realized as their homeland began to die, that they had made a Faustian bargain. Yet still you cannot help wondering about them. Logically, the German visitor to

Britain should wonder whether the middle-aged man in the pub took part in the incineration of Dresden. Probably the German does nothing of the sort. Our wartime state may have committed atrocity; his wartime state was founded in atrocity.

Furthermore, 40 years is not a long time in the life of a person, still less of a people. German officialdom is undoubtedly annoyed at this foreign peering into their past, but it cannot really be surprised. Nor are the Germans much different. The state may be new, but look more closely, and there is metaphorical debris everywhere from the colossal wreck of 40 years ago.

For days the newspapers are mainly about the routine scramble for position among the identically large, comfortable-looking politicians who make up the coalition, or about Germany's fight for justice over EEC car exhaust regulations. But you turn the page to discover that ever since the war Roland Freisler's widow has been getting a state pension. No one who has seen the newsreels of the trial of the 1944 July plotters against Hitler can forget the shrieking, terrifying Freisler - the regime's most famously cruel judge. One always gets a sense that there is some justice in this world on learning that Freisler, aged 52, died when an Allied bomb hit his Berlin court.

Furthermore, the pension, revealed by a Social Democratic deputy in the Bavarian legislature, went up in 1974 under a rule which says that a war widow's pension is periodically increased according to a formula based on what her husband might have been expected to earn had he survived the war. His husband would almost certainly have been sent to the victors' gallows. But the Bavarian pension rules, it seems, do not assume the worst about a man's prospects.

The next day's newspapers produce Herr Neubauer, the Bavarian minister for social security. Yes, he can confirm that the widow received both pension and increase, bringing her state income up to about £360 a month. He thinks it regrettable, and the increase "incorrect". But he explains that, since the two-year limit has passed during which a payment can be corrected, it cannot now be withdrawn. He promises that she will get no more increases. Traced by a mass-circulation newspaper the widow, living under an assumed name in Bavaria all these years and aged 75, says she just wants to be allowed to continue to live in obscurity. The newspapers return to car exhausts.

There is much more of interest about the new Germany than the fact that it is the successor to the old Germany. Idealistic young people drive through the night with lorriesloads of medical supplies for Poland, the nation their country once terrorized. This republic is proof of redemption and atonement.

The 40th anniversary looms, however. It will be years yet before we can stop thinking of "the war" when we should be thinking about environmental protection. We must try. Yet out of the West German news agency machine, a few days after the case referred to above, clatters the appallingly readable heading: "Pensions expert says even Hitler's widow would have got a pension." It is going to be difficult.

moreover... Miles Kingston

You've got it, I'll name it

Many well-meaning friends have asked me recently how on earth I could find the time to record, under the lightly disguised pseudonym of Paul Miles-Kingston, an extract from Andrew Lloyd Webber's *Requiem*, and indeed dress up so convincingly as a young choirboy. Such inquiries show little understanding of the way showbiz works, and to prevent further fruitless inquiries I intend today to reveal something of the methods used to acquire a suitable name.

First of all, it must be understood that this column represents merely a fraction of the workings of the worldwide corporation known variously as Morcover Holdings, Morcover Inc and Cayman Islands (Morcover) Ltd. We also have interests in oil, drugs, very hard crosswords, the removal of dangerous rain forests, customer-proof packaging and cable television (hence our frequent savage attacks on the BBC, for which in private we have the highest respect). But the conglomerate began many years ago with an agency for the invention of names.

New names are often needed for avenues, roads, buildings and so on, but we found in the early days that the hardest and most skilful task lay in the creation of new names for showbiz success. And we found that very often the most successful name was one that echoed a previously well-known name. In the field of classical composers, for instance, Schubert was shortly followed by Schumann. Offenbach cannot have suffered from the overtones of Bach, and Weber is not too dissimilar from Webern. (Note, too, the other pair of names associated with Webern: Berg and Schoenberg.)

Our first experiments were not without success. Building on the name of the veteran actor Anthony Stepto, we devised the name Jeremy Irons. Liking the seasonal flavour of Shelley Winters, we thought of the name Donna Summer. Noting that the art world had taken to unlikely names like Constable and Sargent

(John Singer Sargent, incidentally, surely a connection here with *Whistler*), we pursued the analogy with a pop group called Police, which succeeded beyond our wildest dreams.

We also created groups of names based on familiar concepts. One was on the basis of counties, as in performers called David Essex, Susan Hampshire and Michael York. Another, believe it or not, was on the basis of Indian food, though few people seemed to have spotted the link between Tim Rice and Tim Curry.

Let us be the first to admit that we had our failures as well. Tim Biryani and Tim Bhajji got nowhere, nor was there much of islands for such putative screen stars Johnny Surrey, Fiona Suffolk and Mandy Rice-Norfolk. On the other hand we had almost 100 per cent success for stars modelled on English seaside towns, after George Formby; let us only mention Eric Morcombe, Rod Hull, Max Hastings...

Our biggest success, though, was with the name Lloyd Webber. When our clients first came to us, they had not made up their mind whether they wanted to be a big bank or a big composer. What was easier than to combine the name of a big bank and a big composer? Weber was a proven property and only needed an extra letter. Lloyd was Lloyd, and now that our customer is still not quite decided whether he wants to be a bank or a composer, the name could not be more fitting.

Which leaves us only to explain Paul Miles-Kingston. Well, frankly, this was a computer error. We had been playing around with pop stars called Paul, such as Paul Weller, Paul Young, Paul Jones, Paul Whiteman (from whom of course Sarah Brightman is derived, not to mention Honor Blackman) and somehow the computer printed out my name together with Paul. Somebody adopted it, and misspell it as usual, but that's showbiz for you.

Believe me, this will not happen again.

Mario Modiano on the high stakes of Papandreu's drive for total power

Another Greek tragedy in the making?

Athens Since the end of the Second World War, Greek history has been marked by some cataclysmic event, good or bad, towards the middle of each decade. The civil war started in the mid-1940s; the rise of Karamanlis and the prosperity boom occurred in the mid-1950s; the King-Papandreu clash in 1965 led inexorably to the military dictatorship; then the mid-1970s saw the return of Karamanlis and democracy, followed by membership of the EEC.

The political upheaval triggered by Papandreu fits into this cycle. After dumping Karamanlis, who symbolized his truce with the bourgeoisie, he took advantage of the enhanced majority pieced together by his own Socialists and the Communists in an ongoing parliament to elect by a disputed minimum of votes Judge Christos Sartzetakis to be president. Now he has set about eliminating the last constitutional obstacles to absolute power.

These steps, and perhaps the methods he has employed to attain his ends, have shocked many middle-of-the-road Greeks who backed him in 1981. They have the feeling that the rug has been pulled from under their feet. Constantine Mitsotakis, the conservative New Democracy leader, hopes to capitalize on this sense of outrage in his demand for immediate elections and his challenge to the legality of the new president's election. But unless an election is held soon, the boycott of Sartzetakis might be buried under the avalanche of well-publicized messages of congratulations to the new head of state from world leaders ranging from President Reagan to the Supreme Soviet and Yasser Arafat.

How can New Democracy keep this issue alive, particularly if Papandreu decides to delay the elections until October when they are officially due? The opposition is now avoiding all contact with President Sartzetakis. Opposition newspapers refer to him as plain "Mister". The walls of Athens have

Let's have no fudging about this, chaps. To fudge is one of the most popular words in contemporary British politics for putting down the opposition and arguments with which we do not agree. It is much favoured by committed politicians for taunting the wet uncommitted or cautious compromisers. We all know roughly what it means: to avoid commitment, blur the issues, and hedge. "The Honourable Gentleman has an unfortunate tendency to fudge on matters of policy." In full the vague phrase is "fudge and mudge" and when deployed by the Prime Minister, for instance, at full steam it is as devastating as an Exocet.

I think it is a good, lively phrase which adds to the bricksbats of political rhetoric. But what I want to know is where it comes from. Fudge has acquired its new meaning only recently. It is one of those Protean words of English slang that have as many meanings as the Old Man of the Sea had shapes, and the origins of which are lost in the thieves' kitchens and drinking dens of the 17th century. As an exclamation it



been covered with posters calling for "a solution by the people - elections now". And tomorrow night New Democracy is staging a mass protest rally in central Athens.

Although this is not now the intention, the opposition could even walk out of parliament or have its deputies resign to force an early election. However, these are dangerous options that could create a climate uncomfortably reminiscent of the one that encouraged the military coup in the mid-1960s.

Greek leaders on both sides of the dividing line (which is becoming sharper by the day) argue reassuringly that 1985 is not 1967, and that the Greek officers have learnt their lesson from the junta's fiasco and the Turkish occupation of half of Cyprus. Even if a majority of field-rank officers are those who graduated during the junta's brainwashing days, the Socialists have also learnt a lesson. They have positioned officers loyal to them at key posts and have red alert plans in readiness for their own supporters and the militant communists which would make any attempt to stage a coup lead easily to bloodshed.

What is needed to defuse this potentially explosive situation is, of course, an early election. June is most likely since Papandreu makes it a condition that before dissolution this parliament must complete the first phase of the constitutional revision that practically transfers all

the president's prerogatives to the executive.

Mitsotakis believes that the Socialists will lose more moderate voters to New Democracy than they are likely to gain from the Communist left, and that since last year's European elections showed the two parties to be only 3.5 percentage points apart (38.1 to 41.6), the next election would be a walkover for him. He would expect President Sartzetakis to resign after a New Democracy victory.

Papandreu's spectacular antics are bound to divert the voters' attention from his government's modest record of achievements, mainly in the day-to-day issues that usually influence a Greek election. The continuing showering of perks, such as higher pensions and easier loans, will certainly help.

Rampant unemployment is the sort of flaw that cannot be easily brushed aside by enthusiasm, however. Conservative gains in the student elections last month could be a pointer to what New Democracy should expect from the new generation of electors who will be voting for the first time.

Once Papandreu decided to make an opening to the left, by going beyond the wildest Communist expectations, he could be sure not only to retain the loyalty of his own Marxist left but also to absorb the Eurocommunists and even some fringe orthodox Communists who are ready to trade doctrinal purity

for immediate practical advantage. It is argued that the voters who swept Papandreu into power, by increasing his following between 1977 and 1981 from 24 to 48 per cent of the electorate, mostly belong to the centre right, since the centre left is assumed to have sided with the Socialists in the previous two elections. If this argument is valid, the election could give an easy victory to New Democracy.

Papandreu surely opts for the opposite view. He believes the centre left inside his party is delighted with the removal of Karamanlis and the livelier pace of the promised "change". The Socialists mainly rely on support from the Greek countryside where the farmers are kept happy by the money from the European Community obtained, they are told, only because Papandreu is so tough with his rich partners. Last week's decisions in Brussels tended to confirm this belief.

Then, of course, there is the Communist safety net, however dissatisfying it may be for Papandreu to have to share power. Indeed, the most dangerous solution of the present crisis for Greece would be if neither of the two big parties won a working majority - although the complex new voting system is meant to prevent just that. Papandreu would then have to rely completely on Communist tolerance or collaboration to remain in power. At that stage, no holds would be barred.

may be connected with the German *futsch*, but, *kaptu*, or no good, perhaps corrupted by the French *foutre*, which can translate for yourselves. It has been influenced by "fudge", and maybe by "forge". How it came to mean quibble I cannot tell.

Compared with fudge, mudge is simple. It is obsolete slang for a hat, possibly a perversion of the equally obsolete Cockney "mush", an umbrella. To mudge is dialect for to bidge, or move, usually quietly. A mudge is rude obsolete slang for a milkop.

But the combination of rhyming, onomatopoeic, or alliterative words is as Old English itself, which loves jokey repetitions and doublets. When Mrs Thatcher says "Let us have no fudge and mudge" about this, she is using one of the oldest tricks in the language, practised by our illiterate forefathers as they stormed dripping ashore in Kent. It persists in the Englishes around the world. Example, from the latest idiom of Singapore English: "I don't like this sort of dress: all fill fill, gather gather."

This derivation is beautiful, ingenious, and clearly rubbish. It seems to be roughly equivalent to, though slightly politer than, "bosh". For example, Goldsmith in *The Vicar of Wakefield*: "The very impolite behaviour of Mr Burchell, who at the conclusion of every sentence would cry out Fudge!" As a noun, fudge can also mean a lie, nonsense, exaggeration, humbug, a forged stamp, a farthing, the stop press column, mainly on evening newspapers, and of course the soft, creamy sweet that rots the teeth, to name but a few.

As a verb, to fudge can mean to fit together in a clumsy or dishonest manner, to cook accounts, to interpolate, to do impressively very little, to fabricate, to contrive with imperfect materials (as, for example, to write a travel book without travelling, which seems to me to be the sensible way to approach the matter), to forge, to botch or bungle, to talk nonsense or tell fibs, to advance the hand unfairly when playing marbles, to copy or crib and, at Christ's Hospital, to prompt oneself or somebody else in class. It's a chameleon word, fudge. But only recently has it metamorphosed into its new meaning of dodging, waffling, and pussyfoot sidestepping.

As you would expect with such a busy word, its origins are obscured in mist and bow air. There is an anonymous etymology from a letter of 1664 about a Captain Fudge, "by some called Lying Fudge". He was a real person, and Fudge is still a surname in Dorset. It is a pet form of the Old German *Fulcard*, "people-brave", or *Fulcher*, "people-army".

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Recipes for fudge

New words for old, by Philip Howard

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BATTLING FOR JOBS

The Government yesterday launched a mighty enterprise — nothing less than the occupational enfranchisement of the country's youth. Yet this is an epic without glamour: it will test the Government's political nerve.

Lord Young, one of the Cabinet's few sharp edges, knows he has taken on a battle against attitudes which are as much locked in the psyche of the Conservative Party and private business as in the minds of Opposition politicians and in the public sector.

These are attitudes which define the attainment of 16 and 18 year olds in strictly academic terms, which prize sixth forms and diminish further education colleges, which write off cohorts of young people in their present under-equipped, under-achieving state; here are attitudes, too, that favour time-serving against attainment, that insist on adult pay for youths, that enshrine work practices and skill in the coffin of ancient union demarcation and pay rates. In this battle the foe are strong and subtle and they are not only anachronistic unions or employers with no sight of tomorrow's skills (and tomorrow's profits). They include those formidable gentlemen who make up the delegates of Oxford's and the syndics of Cambridge's examination boards who, blessed by parents and public school headmasters, will go to the wall to defend the rigid over-specialism of Advanced Level examinations.

Lord Young's battle order is badly presented in the white

paper. Ill-edited, despite its odd uplifting paragraph, it bears the signs of a rushed job, yet its timing is still wrong. *Education and training for Young People* is so obviously a partner of last week's *Better Schools* but here it comes disconnected, published by a different department. Indeed Whitehall's baronies reflect the ever-present dichotomy between education and training, between school and work, between vocational preparation and academic progress; there is a mammoth task of institutional brokerage for Lord Young before youth can be served.

The white paper is a brick in a wall of policy for which the masons in the Manpower Services Commission deserve much credit, as does the Cabinet that has approved their work. To the rescue of youth the Government has sacrificed a measure of philosophical consistency — what else is the MSC but a bulky organ of the welfare state? It is taking steps its Labour predecessors would have balked at. The programme envisages something resembling raising the school leaving age to 18 — except that school is re-defined to include work experience and on-the-job training as well as classroom instruction. The white paper proposes what in essence is national certification for 18-year-old entrants to the job market. The MSC will be asking a host of examination councils and training standards bodies to pool their expertise for the sake of a common measure of attainment — and not certification of knowledge or

examination-passing prowess but practical competence, the capacity to perform.

Problems abound. The white paper (like the excellent report *Competence and competition*) gives few hints of the difficulty of marrying the specific training which will interest an employer and the general outfitting for a variety of economic tasks that Britain's uncertain future surely demands. It offers — the Government often betrays a remarkably barren view of youth — little thinking about the moral dimension of the passage from childhood into adulthood or the deep attitudinal changes needed if our young people are successfully to take their skills to market. The white paper's timing is, again, wrong if in less than a month the Fowler special security review is to present necessary changes in the social security arrangements for the jobless young; the finances of the expansion of the Youth Training Scheme surely depend on the abolition of supplementary benefit for 16-18 year olds.

But there is much merit in the Government's recognizing that however much State action is necessary, British employers must be prepared to spend more, like the Germans and others, on training. And not only to spend money, but to reorganize their places of work as places of education and skill acquisition, too. For some people, the economic future will be cold. For many it will be uncertain. The programme for training described in the white paper is insulation for today's youth.

IN HOLY WEEK IV

Maundy Thursday is notable in the Holy Week calendar as the commemoration of the Last Supper, which both scripture and tradition link in the most intimate way with the events of the following day, Good Friday. The association of a sacred meal with a sacred death is a most striking feature of the Christian religion, and it is not surprising, their being such disparate events, that the exact nature of the relationship has been the subject of much disagreement. The common ground is that by re-performing the essential elements in that meal, the church makes it possible for the community of the faithful to relive in itself the first Good Friday. Thus do Christ's Passion and Crucifixion become available for participation by every generation since. It is no coincidence that the Judaic model of the Last Supper, the Passover, was well understood at the time of Christ as a way to make the Exodus available for participation in the same way.

It is still very common for people to link moments of great stress and suffering in their lives with those Good Friday images, and even to speak of their own cross and their own crucifixion. But Christianity does more than offer metaphor for comparison and adoption in those few

extreme moments of human experience.

It calls the people to frequent and regular observance of the sacramental re-enactment, when the going is good as well as when the going is rough. Every familiar service — whether called Holy Communion, the Eucharist, or the Mass — is a journey through the Maundy Thursday upper room of the Last Supper to Calvary and the Cross of Good Friday. Church services, today and tomorrow are designed to restock the imagination with impressions and memories which will endure for the rest of the year and be recalled specifically each time the eucharistic celebration is repeated. It is strange that a religion should be so intensely preoccupied with the ghastly death of its founder, an event which it would be more natural for human nature to shun and repress. But it contradicts this natural preference in order to recall what we would all rather forget, namely that we all have to die. We can prepare for so many things in so many ways, but only religion concerns itself with preparing us for what may be the most difficult experience of all. Those who have learnt best how to die are those who have learnt to let go, in the course of life, of a thousand small attachments and conceits;

each letting go is a small rehearsal of death, which is letting go of everything.

That is the logic of it. Left at that, however, it is a somewhat life-denying account, whereas religion should be life-affirming. As it happens, the very attachments and embroilments of the spirit which make death so difficult a letting go are also impediments to the full enjoyment of life and the achievement of potential. He is ready to die well is to be able to live well.

That seems to mitigate the sorrow and horror of Good Friday, however, for which there is no authority in the texts. Jesus, we may presume, knew how to die; but the knowledge had no analgesic power, either of the body or of the spirit. There was no consolation for him in thoughts of resurrection, either, as if dying was just a necessary chore on the way to better things. His humanity was torn from him piece by piece, until he was reduced to nothing, dead flesh on an execution post. The message is that mysteriously, if we can learn to travel with him through his experiences, he will travel with us through our own. And that is a universal message, because there is no such thing on this earth as a life without suffering.

PRISONERS OF ISRAEL'S CONSCIENCE

Individual or mass forcible transfers, as well as deportations of protected persons from occupied territory to the territory of the Occupying Power or to that of any other country, occupied or not, are prohibited, regardless of their motive. — *Fourth Geneva Convention 1949 (relative to the protection of civilian persons in time of war), Article 49.*

Lebanon and Israel both ratified the Fourth Geneva Convention in 1951. Persons protected by it are according to Article 4, "those who, at a given moment and in any manner whatsoever, find themselves, in the case of a conflict or occupation, in the hands of a Party to the conflict or Occupying Power of which they are not nationals". The one thousand or more prisoners transferred on Tuesday to Israeli territory from the Ansar camp in Lebanon are clearly not Israeli nationals. The International Committee of the Red Cross would therefore appear to be justified in saying that this transfer constitutes a violation of the Convention.

Israeli government legal officials are reported as denying this, arguing that the Fourth Convention does not apply to the situation in southern Lebanon. They have also argued this in the past about the West Bank, claiming that in that territory Israel is not legally an occupying

power because it is not the territory of any other state — the British mandate having lapsed and the Jordanian annexation not being recognized internationally except by Britain and Pakistan. Even this argument, which is of very doubtful validity, could not be applied to Lebanese territory. Nor could Israel claim with even a shred of plausibility that she is not in fact an occupying power in south Lebanon. The very facts that she has maintained a detention camp at Ansar for the last two and a half years, and that she has now announced a phased withdrawal from the area, are sufficient proofs that she is indeed occupying it.

The Occupying Power may, under Article 49, "undertake total or partial evacuation of a given area if the security of the population or imperative military reasons so demand. Such evacuations may not involve the displacement of protected persons outside the bounds of the occupied territory," however, "except when for material reasons it is impossible to avoid such displacement. Persons thus evacuated shall be transferred back to their homes as soon as hostilities in the area in question have ceased". But this is not what is happening at Ansar. Israel is not evacuating the

population from the area, but deporting from it a specific group of detainees selected by her. Nor is it at all clear what material reasons make it impossible to remove the detainees, if they have to be removed, to another location on Lebanese territory.

The only way Israel could make the deportation legal would be by recognizing the detainees as prisoners of war, in which case they would be removed from the domain of the Fourth Geneva Convention into that of the Third. This, however, would entail recognizing them as members of an organized resistance movement, and allowing a neutral country to act as protecting power to look after their interests. Israel is not, it seems, prepared to grant that degree of legitimacy to the Lebanese resistance, which for her is simply "terrorism".

Perhaps the most disturbing aspect of the affair, however, is that the Israeli authorities have told the ICRC that the prisoners will be taken back eventually "to a new prison camp now being built in southern Lebanon". If Israel is really in process of withdrawing completely from Lebanon, as it claims, what on earth is it doing building new prison camps there?

Perhaps less well known is his courage, and endurance under torture at that time. Trying in vain to extract a false confession, his torturers brought him to the verge of death. They ceased only when the doctor in attendance advised that if they continued they would kill him.

To lawyers throughout the world he is a symbol of the fearless, independent judge. It is regrettable that his election to the presidency should have become the subject of party conflict.

Yours faithfully,
NIAL MACDERMOT,
Secretary-General,
International Commission of Jurists,
B.P. 120,
1234 Geneva,
Switzerland.

Greek elections

From the Secretary-General of the International Commission of Jurists Sir, Your Athens Correspondent (Report, March 30) recalls the courage and integrity displayed by President Sartzetakis as the examining magistrate in the Lambrakis case and mentions his arrest under the regime of the Greek colonels.

Yours faithfully,
NIAL MACDERMOT,
Secretary-General,
International Commission of Jurists,
B.P. 120,
1234 Geneva,
Switzerland.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Taking up cudgels for Mr Heath

From Mr Anthony Speaight

Sir, I am disturbed to read (report, April 2) that the Federation of Conservative Students is seeking to remove Mr Heath as its life patron. Mr Heath's special relationship with the federation has never been connected with his views on particular issues. It has been a reflection of his lifelong interest in the Conservative student movement, which he himself once led.

Having been chairman of the federation during the last full year (1972-73) in which Mr Heath was Prime Minister, I can testify to the genuineness of this interest, even when he was most beset with crises of government. He was always ready to listen to our views and he continued to find time to support us by addressing student audiences.

It, therefore, seems illogical for his views, even if controversial, on such issues as the economy or local government, to be regarded as a reason for ending this relationship. Unless there are good organizational grounds for this proposed constitutional change — and I do not see how there can be — I hope that the national union will refuse to ratify this insulting gesture. Yours faithfully,
ANTHONY SPEAIGHT,
83 Napier Court,
Ranelagh Gardens, SW6,
April 2.

National Gallery plan

From the President of the Royal Institute of British Architects

Sir, The saga of the National Gallery is one which brings no credit upon this country. No other developed country would set about building a new art gallery in this manner.

A competition in which the rules were changed while the competitors worked; a public exhibition and vote on the eight short-listed schemes which ignored a compromise winner whose client-attended design was then turned down at a public inquiry; a sincere but misjudged intervention of Prince Charles which lost the vociferous but unrepresentative forces of reaction. As if that were not bad enough, there is in addition the almost immeasurable waste of time, effort and money, and the skills of innumerable extremely talented architects.

If there are people in this country who believe in the future it is the Sainsbury. I cannot believe that with their record of patronage in fine architecture and art they will be prepared to sponsor the second-rate or pastiche.

When Lord Annan retires an entirely fresh start can be made with the Sainsbury patronage. Great architecture can then be found for a great art collection. But don't imagine it will be done by committee. It can only be by the combined convictions of a great patron and his chosen architect. Yours faithfully,
MICHAEL MANSEY, President,
Royal Institute of British Architects,
66 Portland Place, W1,
April 3.

Broadcasting's future

From the Chairman and Managing Director of HTV Limited

Sir, So — the words of the Good and the Great in both BBC and ITV have fallen upon deaf ears. Another notable success by the advertising lobby has ensured that DBC television is now formally a potential vehicle for advertisements.

Should this come about in the name of competition and the loss of ITV's monopoly I wonder if advertisers realize that they may have contributed to a substantial rise in their own costs?

If even a modest proportion of available television advertising revenue is diverted to BBC, ITV and Channel Four will have to drastically reduce hours of transmission to cut costs, thus losing the six minutes of advertising which each of these hours earns. We would probably also need to raise the average price of the consequently shrunken airline minitube market. Yours faithfully,
RON WORDLEY, Chairman and Managing Director,
HTV Limited,
The Television Centre,
Culhouse Cross,
Cardiff,
March 28.

From Mr D. L. B. Hartley

Sir, If people cannot afford a colour television licence (£58), let them have monochrome (£18). That's no hardship.

Yours truly,
D. L. B. HARTLEY,
Ghyll Bank,
Brook Road,
Windermere, Cumbria.

Role of the RUC

From Mr Donal Kennedy

Sir, Your meandering leader (March 2) following the devastation of the Royal Ulster Constabulary's barracks in Republican Newry touches on the truth at three points. Murder is murder; words are weapons in this war; and, as Solzhenitsyn says, force is used to support a system of lies.

Your own record, and that of the Government, in the use of verbal weapons should be recapitulated. You have been censured by the Press Council for not correcting an implication in a report you published in May, 1981, that almost all violent deaths in the North of Ireland since 1969 were inflicted by Republicans and suffered by Protestants.

Subsequent to your censure Sir Humphrey Atkins again falsely attributed all such deaths to the IRA action, in an article in the *Daily Mail*.

You seem to have learned nothing. You describe the RUC, a force equipped with firearms and practised in their discharge, as

Fairness to churches over détente

From Mrs Sarah Taylor

Sir, As a layman, I found the cynicism and tunnel vision of your leader (March 27) on the British Council of Churches' document on East-West relations extremely depressing. Surely the only hope for the maintenance of peace in the world and the avoidance of the nuclear disaster lies in our ability to look beyond the nationalistic boundaries to which your self-righteousness confines you?

It is given to Christians to have a wider vision, to perceive the people of the Soviet Union as God's creatures like ourselves and to be ready to take the initiative in that most fundamental of Christian qualities, reconciliation.

It is a tragedy that the leading newspaper of a country with such a Christian heritage as ours should so flatly deny that heritage.

Yours sincerely,
SARAH TAYLOR,
The Lodge,
Heawood Hall,
Nether Alderley,
Macclesfield,
Cheshire,
March 30.

From Mr Stephen Tunnicliffe

Sir, Your leader, "Far from their flock" (March 27) contains many distortions and inaccuracies which should not go unchallenged. The British Council of Churches' policy statement on East-West relations is a discussion document, and is going through the normal process of consultation within the council. It has not been "thrown out" by any committee, nor has it now "slipped through the net" without scrutiny.

The present draft was circulated in the normal way to all members of the East-West relations advisory committee (of whom I am one) before the last meeting, at which it was discussed before going to full council.

Their "referral back" is part of the same procedure, no more, no less. To single out Canon Paul Oes-

Views of the clergy

From Mr William Powell, MP for Corby (Conservative)

Sir, How extraordinary it is that the Bishop of Bath and Wells (March 20) should find it necessary to start his admirable letter by describing himself as a Tory voter. Part of the difficulty which Anglican bishops find themselves in with many Conservatives may arise because of the topics upon which they try to influence public debate.

My postbag is frequently full of advice — insurance agents write on pension policies; farmers on agricultural prices; teachers on education; just as it is to be welcomed and expected. In the great and difficult issues arising out of the Warnock report and the Ennals-Powell Bill I have received many letters.

Community spirit

From Mr Cosmo Russell

Sir, Your leading article, "A community in search of spirit" (March 29), provides an interesting case of "the pot calling the kettle black".

It is severe with Greece: "the best way to avoid a threat of blackmail is to give advance notice that it will not be paid", conveniently forgetting that before Fontainebleau 1984, Britain was behaving much as Greece by blocking an increase in Community funds until its own rebate was paid.

Perhaps one may take an equal pinch of salt with the "absurdity of preaching union when unity of spirit is so elusive". What, one wonders, does your leader writer know of unity of spirit within the Community? It exists today and has always existed in depth within the

Mother's Day muddle

From Canon T. C. Ledger

Sir, Mrs Jarvis (March 26) is not quite right in saying that the fourth Sunday in Lent as well as being Mothering Sunday is also to be known as Carling Sunday. It is Passion Sunday, the fifth in Lent, formerly referred to as Care Sunday, which claims this title.

Mothering Sunday presumably was originally so called because of the Prayer Book epistle for that day and its allusion to "Jerusalem which is above which is the mother of us all." The connection with human motherhood appears to have been secondary when the honouring of Mother Church was the obvious significance of the day.

I am, yours faithfully,
T. C. LEDGER,
Greenfield, Station Road,
Allendale,
Hexham,
Northumberland,
March 27.

civilians. It was said of their RIC predecessors by Britain's Secretary for Ireland in 1919, that they were "a semi-military force, and subject in many respects to the same conditions as the Army". What distinguishes the RUC from the RIC?

You lump the IRA with international terrorists, claiming that they use force as an instrument of first resort, and say that the Soviets would support them, having taken the armed road to power themselves.

In passing, you may note I have eschewed Westminster's Newspeak definition of Ulster!

You forget that when the Soviets were seizing power Sinn Fein (1918) won a landslide electoral victory. In Ulster three counties elected no Unionist MPs, a fourth but one (to Sinn Fein's two), a fifth but one (to Sinn Fein's one) and that in none of the other four counties did Unionists have a clean sweep. (Outside Ulster, Sinn Fein took a clean sweep of most counties).

Irish Nationalists have tried various stratagems to turn that

treacher as the "sole begetter", intent on imposing his individual views on the council, is totally misleading and devalues the whole process of careful drafting and consultation proper to an organization such as the BCC. One cannot but surmise that your leader-writer, in his zeal to attack a well-known Christian pacifist, has allowed himself to compromise the standards of good journalism which we should expect from your paper.

This suspicion is confirmed when one becomes aware of the highly selective nature of quotations from the document. Your writer might well take to heart the last words of a passage from which he quotes selectively in support of his title, "Far from their flock". The passage suggests that Marxism and Western liberalism both "enshrine positive values" which those in power have "distorted and corrupted". The passage continues:

To communists, with no adequate doctrine of sin, the offer comes as a surprise. To Christians it should come as none at all. That is one reason why in the more open societies of the West the public expression of penitence — i.e., self-criticism that is taken to heart — is at least possible. But it is rare. Self-righteousness is not a communist monopoly.

Your leader opens with the question "Does the British Council of Churches, or any individual church within it, need to have a position on the question of East-West relations?" and replies "No". In a passage not quoted the discussion paper suggests a different and less complacent answer:

The teaching of Jesus in the Sermon on the Mount is not a textbook of sacerdotalism, yet we believe its insights to be vital to human survival. Is there a place then for penitence and forgiveness in politics? There must be, if there is to be a future. Yet if that is to be understood by those who bear the burdens of power we shall have to translate the language of theology into the language of politics.

Yours truly,
STEPHEN TUNNICLIFFE,
4 The Square,
Clun, Shropshire.

The Roman Catholic bishops and clergy as well as laity and the leaders of the Free Churches in my constituency have written with advice, all of welcome. One Anglican clergyman from outside my constituency has written; otherwise, from bishops and clergy alike, nothing.

I do receive plenty of interesting comments, however, on proportional representation, local government finance mechanism, the EEC search regulations and industrial relations law.

As the son of a clergyman I find this all rather surprising and puzzling. Yours ever,
WILLIAM POWELL,
House of Commons,
March 29.

Conditioned reflex

From Mr Peter Clark

Sir, In addition to thanking answering machines, I can recommend telephone conversations with the British Telecom Weatherline.

Surely, for polite and informed conversation with a comparative stranger, there is no better topic than the British weather? Yours faithfully,
PETER CLARK,
10 The Stables, Great Hyde Hall,
Sawbridgeworth, Hertfordshire.

Mona's Queen recalled

From Mrs Mary Richmond

Sir, The photographs of the Mona's Queen on the page of today's *Times* (March 30) revive memories of the ferry and her gallant crew which brought me and my loved ones from the chaos of invaded Belgium.

On Thursday, May 16, 1940, the Mona's Queen, then a troopship, sailed into the port of Ostend and took on board a load of British refugees anxious to escape the advancing German troops.

I shall never forget the relief which swept over us all at the sight of her and of the Royal Navy destroyers which were to accompany us across the Channel. They brought us safely to our destination, Folkestone, where we landed at 1 am on Friday, May 17.

Yours faithfully,
MARY RICHMOND,
99 Haslucks Green Road,
Shirley, Solihull, West Midlands.

moral victory into the kind recognised by powers and princes. Many do support the IRA as the last best hope of their national share of mankind's rights. Since Mrs Thatcher ruled out the pleas of the Forum politicians it is hard to argue with them: witness Mr John Hume!

A perusal of the Cameron and Scarman reports would dispose of your suggestion that the RUC had no initial idea that there was a war on. On the contrary, they imagined one and replied to it when they were the only armed force in the field.

Laurie, Mr Maugham told the Commons that Britain was at war with the IRA when many peaceably disposed Irish Nationalists felt that Britain was at war with them.

I might complement Solzhenitsyn's comment with the observation that lies are used to support a system of force, and cap it by suggesting that *The Times* is a product of the long-institutionalised union of the Mother of Parliaments and the Father of Lies.

Yours faithfully,
DONAL KENNEDY,
46 Belmont Avenue, N13.

ON THIS DAY

APRIL 4 1864

The Danish-Prussian war of 1864 arose out of the Schleswig-Holstein Question — a matter complex enough for Palmerston to jest that it was mastered by only three men, one dead, one insane, and one who had forgotten it. In the late 15th century Schleswig and Holstein were both duchies of Denmark. The growing nationalism of Germany under Bismarck led to its claim on the duchies and Danish resistance was crushed in a brief campaign. In 1850 a plebiscite awarded North Schleswig to Denmark.

THE ATTACK ON DYBBOL

(FROM OUR SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT AT THE DANISH HEAD-QUARTERS, SØNDERBORG MARCH 28)

To-day we have had serious work at last, and we are fully repaid for the many weeks of weary inaction and baffled expectation. The Prussians have at last moved, and the whole Dybbol line has been fully repulsed.

I was awakened this morning, at about 3 o'clock, by the heavy report of cannon. I did not mist it at the moment, for I knew the Prussians are wont to send up that thundering noise to Heaven by way of a morning prayer, and I thought there would be no more shot till the cannonade was taken up in good earnest long after breakfast-time; such being the tenour of the which the besiegers have accustomed us for these last two weeks. Presently, however, I heard a sharper sound, which at first might be mistaken for the rolling of a rough country cart on the uneven street pavement, but which, I was soon convinced, was the rattle of a well-sustained fire of musketry. It did not take me many minutes to rush out into the street and down to the bridges. The fusillade was the very briskest I had ever heard. There were no platoon volleys, but a steady *rip de battail*, telling plainly of a general, heavy, and somewhat disorderly engagement.

The position of Dybbol is, perhaps, the very best conceivable for a neutral spectator. Nothing easier than to view the action from several points without running the slightest risk. On reaching the bridge, my first instinct was to cross over to the Dybbol side, and go at once to the front. But I reflected that my business was not to take part in the battle, but merely to describe it, and that any evidence of enthusiasm or of limb might rather hinder than help me in the discharge of my peculiar duty.

It was not more than half-past 3. It was one of the loveliest mornings I ever saw here. The air was perfectly still, and the larks were soaring up into heaven with their sweet morning hymns. The moon was far down on the western horizon, with a morning planet in her suite, which I think must have been Mercury. The stars were all out. Behind us was the faintest possible streak of earliest dawn. The cannonade from the Slesvig position was terrific, the rattle of the shells and their bursting incessant; and, as an accompaniment to the roaring music, the musketry fire swelled up in the air active and lively.

It was past 4 before the trumpets sounded the alarm. In Slesvig, the Orders had, however, been already galloping about in every direction, and by this time the whole of the little Danish army was in motion. Battalion followed battalion: cavalry pressed on infantry; batteries moved forward; the walk broke into a run; swiftly and eagerly the columns advanced, combining the utmost speed with the most admirable order. The ardour of these brave Danes shook my nerves. I followed the advance of the 11th across the bridge, ascended the fort at the *tête de pont*, then followed the road to the vicinity of the Dybbol Windmill. The whole movement of the army was managed with the greatest order, method and precision. The pioneers were at their places on the pontoons; the palisades were lined with riflemen; every soldier fell into line as if by magic; the ranks were never broken; the deployed as they issued from the defile of the *tête de pont*, and formed in long, dense lines all along the crest of the hills.

I have mentioned, in some of my foregoing letters, a party of young Englishmen gathered at this place out of mere curiosity to see actual war, and have given my candid opinion of the rashness with which they have been all this time running their heads against the wall. The Danish soldiers have been for several days familiar with them; some oddity in their costume, and their imperfect knowledge of any available language, having made them rather conspicuous. They were often in the thick of the enemy's fire, without any reason or object, these good Danes observed that "the English often labour under fits of the spleen, and when so afflicted are rather glad than sorry of any opportunity to get knocked on the head, and rid of that and all other complaints."

Danse macabre

From Mr S. J. Robinson

Sir, I note with interest that your Labour Correspondent (front page, April 2) expects the Union of Communication Workers to "call a ballot under the provision of last year's Trade Union Act."

This imaginative but neglected provision wholly redeems an otherwise oppressive piece of legislation. Contemporary industrial strife provides much ideal material for ballet: a strong costume element, with policemen, judges and bishops, ample crowd scenes and a potent mixture of tragedy and farce.

It also coheres with the Government's policy in the arts in replacing the vulgar street theatres we have been subjected to recently with a more sophisticated and elitist entertainment.

May we expect Mr Bernard Levin to lead the campaign for a similar provision for opera or, perhaps, operetta?

Yours faithfully,
S. J. ROBINSON,
23 Wharfedale Road,
Islington, N1.

From Major H. Stewart

Sir, As your front page indicates the Post Office union may hold a ballot, should not picket lines be renamed 'chores lines'?

Yours etc,
H. STEWART,
27 Ashchurch Grove, W12,
April 2.

FINANCE AND INDUSTRY

Executive Editor Kenneth Fleet

British Aerospace prepares to follow Telecom act

The sheer size and success of the British Telecom flotation has made it a difficult act to follow. Everything that comes after BT in the Government's share sale programme is liable, by contrast, to look like a small beer. Next month's British Aerospace issue, which was formally launched yesterday with the publication of the draft prospectus, is by BT standards, not that large an undertaking.

Yet, as the two lead banks in the issue, Kleinwort, Benson and Lazard, point out, it is still one of the three largest issues of new shares yet undertaken in this country. Add in the fact that both the Government and the company are offering shares for sale in what is an unprecedented joint offer-for-sale-of-rights issue, and the political imperative to maintain the wider share ownership drive begun by the BT issue, and the task becomes no easy one. Not surprisingly the Government and the banks should have tried to keep the structure of the issue as simple as possible.

The mechanics of the issue are as follows. The Government is offering for sale its remaining 48 per cent holding.

About 96.8 million shares in the conventional way. At the same time the company is raising new equity for its own account by issuing 50 million new shares. Existing shareholders will retain their pre-emptive rights, by having first crack at the new company shares, but the Government rights - which of course it is not taking up - will go into the general pool with the rest of the Government holding. Because of the size of the issue, the Government has decided to stick with the device it first employed in the BT issue of placing a proportion of the issue "firm" with institutions rather than have the entire issue underwritten in the conventional way.

The issue will be partly paid, with the first instalment due on application next month, and the balance due on September 10. The aim, according to the Kleinwort director, John Nelson yesterday, is to make the instalments roughly equal in value. It will be a fixed price offer for sale, with about five million shares reserved for preferential applications by BAe's employees, 90 per cent of whom already have some shareholding following the initial Government share sale in February, 1981.

One or two key decisions about the issue have still to be taken, of which the price is the most obvious and important. British Aerospace shares were marked down 20p to 41.5p yesterday, but they are still more than double what they were as recently as the end of 1983. (The bid approaches from Thorn EMI and GEC last summer has done wonders for them.) The merchant bankers were keeping their cards close to their chest about what kind of discount to the present share price they think they can get the new shares away. Being a hybrid issue makes it difficult to guess, but the Government will be disappointed if the discount is much more than 10 per cent. The usual rights issue discount is 10 per cent. At £4 a share the government holding would be worth slightly under £400 million, and the new British Aerospace shares £200 million, putting a total value on the issue of £600 million. BAe's current total market capitalization is £826 million.

It is worth noting that the "bid factor" has not gone away from British Aerospace. The Government is taking a golden share to prevent any foreign takeover. The articles of association already forbid foreign shareholdings exceeding 15 per cent and the golden share will effectively perpetuate this restriction. Shades of last year's RITZ pie-emptive strike for Enterprice Oil, nobody is being allowed to take more than 10 per cent of the next month's issue. There is however nothing but GEC's own uncertainties to stop Lord Weinstock coming back for more once the issue is completed.

Danger in growing pains at Saatchi

Last year, as the 1984 annual report makes clear, was a tumultuous year for Saatchi & Saatchi, the advertising group which would like to be Number One in the world.

Total sources off funds were more than £51 million (1983: £13.7 million). Outside capital injections and cash flows from trading contributed in roughly equal proportions. Share issues, including the American Depositary Receipt issue raised some £18.7 million, while a further £7.5 million came from a convertible loan stock. The bulk of disbursements went on acquisitions, worth some £16.1 million,

leaving liquid funds ahead by nearly £32 million. Cash, short term deposits and securities rose by £31.8 million.

The net impact of all these operations was to take capital employed up from £38.2 million to £66 million, an increase of 74 per cent. Nevertheless, the group plainly has plans to grow even faster in the medium term. Medium-term facilities have been raised from last year's £28.7 million to £54.1 million, and last night the group made no secret of its continuing interest in acquisitions.

The report also reveals just how fleet of foot the group can be in financial markets. Not only did Saatchi make exceptional profits of £1.7 million from its roll up fund activities, but part of the US share issue proceeds were switched into the London gilt market on a hedged dollar contract which matures this August. So far the fall in sterling has showed the group a gain of more than £1 million.

Last year's wage bill rose by 41 per cent, although the USUK differentials are tactically kept hidden. More to the point, the group's main asset remains its goodwill, which is roughly the cost to Saatchi & Saatchi of bringing certain new people into the group.

Last year, the goodwill entry climbed some £14 million to £39.2 million, after amortization of £1 million. But if the group continues to expand, and fails to maintain an atmosphere of creative harmony, people will leave, and the corresponding goodwill item in the balance sheet may be subject to a variety of revaluations. There are perils for the group as well as benefits in its bid to expand.

Bank gets tough on nifs and rufs

For some time banking supervisors have been signalling their concern about the growing variety of off-balance sheet risks taken by banks. Yesterday's announcement by the Bank of England that it is toughening up the supervisory treatment of note issue facilities, and revolving underwriting facilities ("nifs" and "rufs" in the bankers' jargon) is not a bolt from the blue. It is simply overdue.

The Bank is now insisting that banks treat nifs and rufs as contingent liabilities for the purpose of calculating their risk-asset ratios - the crucial measure used by the authorities to assess capital adequacy. They will be given a weighting of 0.5 per cent and banks will have to set aside capital to reflect the risk they are assuming.

The reason for the Bank's ruling is simple. Under these facilities, commercial banks guarantee that borrowers will be able to raise funds by issuing short-term paper, which the banks underwrite. The banks would normally sell off the paper to investors but if market conditions were adverse or the borrower out of favour, the banks could easily be left holding the unwanted baby because they would be obliged to accept the short-term paper and make the funds available to the borrower.

The Bank is to carry out a broad review of all types of contingent liabilities and how they should be treated: it could cover swaps and options, unused loan facilities and mortgages which have been sold on.

The reason it is attacking nifs and rufs now is that this market has been growing so fast. Since 1981, facilities agreed or in the pipeline, totalling about \$32 billion, have been identified by the Bank, although much of this is withdrawn.

Prudent banks have already been assessing this type of business in relation to their own capital although not all the big four clearers include any weighting in their risk-asset ratio calculation.

The need for a tougher supervisory approach is borne out by the patently inadequate commitment fees which some banks have been charging for these facilities, in some cases as little as 1/8th of 1 per cent. As the Bank of England states in the notice sent out to banks, some have been "taking on such obligations on terms which, in the Bank's view, do not properly reflect the risks involved". By ensuring that banks have to set aside capital against this business, the cost to borrowers may rise slightly.

It is very likely, indeed desirable, that other banking supervisors will soon adopt similar measures and the subject will have been discussed among central banks. If other supervisors do not follow the Bank of England, business might simply leave London for places where it can be carried out more cheaply.

Barclays and Midland base cuts echo official caution

By David Smith, Economics Correspondent

Two high street banks, Barclays and Midland, cut their base rates by a modest 1/4 point to 13.25 per cent yesterday. The move, which left their rates above the 13 per cent level established by National Westminster and Lloyds last week, underlined the cautious approach of the authorities to lower interest rates.

That caution is emphasized in the Bank of England's quarterly bulletin, published today. Although generally optimistic, the Bank is concerned about the pace of bank lending to companies, which has accelerated sharply since the middle of last year.

Bank lending has been rising at an annual rate of 20 per cent in recent months, despite near-record levels of real interest rates.

The Bank of England says that there may have been special factors in this rise, including the effects of new rules bringing forward value added tax payments on imports, the holding back of new equity issues during the run-up to the British Telecom flotation, and the possibility that small companies, who rely more heavily

on bank borrowing, have been enjoying the lion's share of growth.

Even so, with bank lending rising at roughly twice the upper limit for broad money, sterling M3 growth, the Bank is clearly concerned that interest rates are not rushed down until bank lending has slowed.

The overall line is that sterling's recent rebound does not necessarily indicate that domestic monetary conditions are satisfactory.

The caution of the Bank continued to prevail in the money market yesterday. Bar-

clays responded to a modest weakening of money market interest rates by trimming its base rate from 13.5 to 13.25 per cent. Barclays said: "We have fixed our base rate entirely in accord with money market conditions".

The Midland followed with a similar reduction.

As well as expressing concern over the level of bank lending to companies, the Bank of England is worried about the sharp rise in mortgage lending in recent years, and the extent of "equity withdrawal" from the housing market.

Chancellor soft-pedals on rates

Interest rates will be reduced in the coming months if the Chancellor continues to weaken, Mr Nigel Lawson, the Chancellor, told the Commons Treasury and Civil Service Committee yesterday.

However, he emphasized the need for caution, and said that rates would be reduced only if other conditions were regarded as satisfactory.

Mr Lawson, giving evidence on his Budget to the committee, said that the practice of providing advance estimates of

likely Budget tax cuts or "implied fiscal adjustments" could stop.

"The practice of giving the fiscal judgement implicit in the PSBR a year ahead does more harm than good," he said. "It serves no useful purpose."

Asked whether he would relax the fiscal stance ahead of the election, the Chancellor refused to rule it out. Budget decisions would be taken at the appropriate time, he said.

No prediction on unemployment



Sir Timothy Bevan, chairman of Barclays Bank.

New chief at Montagu

A new group chief executive is being appointed to Samuel Montagu Holdings, the parent company of the merchant bank. Mr Robert Logan, who was chief executive of Grindlays Bank, takes the post from Tuesday. He also becomes deputy chairman of the holding company which is headed by Sir Michael Palliser.

Mr Christopher Sheridan, will remain as chief executive of the merchant bank subsidiary. Mr Logan will also join the Midland Bank group's executive committee.

Sir Michael Palliser said Mr Logan would play a major role in developing and implementing a United Kingdom and international capital markets strategy for the group.

Insurers slip

Guardian Royal Exchange the composite insurer reported a 25 per cent fall in pretax profits for 1984, from £122.1 million to £92.3 million. The dividend rises from 23p to 26p. Earnings per share fell 8.1p to 34.5p. Meanwhile, Sun Alliance reported its 1984 results, incorporating Phoenix Assurance. Its pretax profit of £73.4 million in 1983 fell to £47.6 million last year. *Tempos, page 19.*

Weir up sharply

The Weir Group, the engineering concern, has increased pretax profits in the 52 weeks to December 28, 1984, to £6.8 million up from £4.9 million. Turnover rose from £119.8 million to £131.6 million. A final dividend of 2.125p makes 2.5p for the year, against 2.125p last time. *Tempos, page 19.*

Scrip issue

William Morrison Supermarkets is paying a final dividend of 1.65p, to make a total payment for the year to February 2 of 2.2p (1.8p). Pretax profits rose from nearly £10 million to £11.7 million. The group is paying a one for one scrip. *Tempos, page 19.*

Glynwed boost

Glynwed International, the steels to consumer and building products group, increased pretax profits in 1984 to £26.5 million from £21.2 million on a turnover up from £487.2 million to £514.1 million. *Tempos, page 19.*

P&O lifts stake in Ocean Transport

By Alison Eadie

Shares in Ocean Transport and Transport 7p to a new high of 19.5p on the news that the Peninsular and Oriental Steam Navigation Co had taken an 8.03 per cent stake. A statement from Sir Jeffrey Sterling, P&O chairman, calling the stake a "trade investment" brought the shares back to close at 19.5p.

Speculation has been rife in the stock market for the past few days that P&O was about to launch a bid for Ocean, a leading shipping group. Ocean said it was delighted that P&O had made a trade investment, but said any bid would be stoutly defended.

It is thought that full control of Overseas Containers Ltd is Sir Jeffrey's ultimate aim. OCL, one of the world's largest container shipping companies,

is owned 47.4 per cent by P&O, 32.8 per cent by Ocean and 19.8 per cent by the British & Commonwealth Shipping Co. In the year to November 30, 1984, OCL boosted pretax profits to a record £55.6 million from £14.2 million and played a large part in the recovery of Ocean's 1984 pretax profits to £28.7 million from £7.2 million.

Sir Jeffrey's Sterling Guarantee Trust, now merged with P&O, has held a 2.75 per cent stake in Ocean for over a year, but has only recently added to it, bringing it up to 8.03 per cent. Ocean knew about SGT's stake.

Ocean's shares have rocketed ahead on the stock market in recent weeks from a year's low at 10.4p. The company is now capitalized at £215 million. P&O shares fell 10p to 34.1p.

Lasmo seeks £70m after profits leap

By Jeremy Warner

London & Scottish Marine Oil yesterday launched a £70 million rights issue to help to pay for its busy exploration and appraisal programme, and to enable it to take advantage of "suitable acquisition opportunities".

At the same time, the group announced better-than-expected net profits for last year of £32 million - up 27 per cent from £24.9 million the year before - and a final dividend of 7.7p lifting the total from 11.5p to 12.2p.

The terms of the cash call, which comes hard on the heels of a \$45 million (£26.9 million) convertible Eurobond issue which the group launched in December, are one new share at 285p for every four shares held. Lasmo shares fell 20p on the

stock market to 328p in response to the news.

The timing of the issue drew criticism in some quarters of the City. Lasmo shares have been strong over the last month on rumours of an oil find in a field off the coast of Sicily which the group confirmed a week ago after recording flows from one test well. Normally at least two test wells are drilled before an announcement is made.

The group also took the unusual step of organizing a briefing for oil analysts and major shareholders last month while the company's broker, Cazenove, produced a "bullish" 15-page circular on Lasmo a couple of months back.

Lasmo said it planned to participate in about 250 exploration appraisal and development wells this year.

Sainsbury plan for dog track

By Judith Huntley, Commercial Property Correspondent

The GRA Group, the greyhound racing operator with substantial property assets, has confirmed that it has sold 12 acres of its 20-acre Harringay Stadium site in north London, to Sainsbury, the supermarket operator, for £10.49 million.

The deal is conditional on Sainsbury obtaining planning permission for a supermarket. The supermarket chain also has an option to acquire the rest of the site for £1.5 million.

Sainsbury has paid GRA a non-refundable deposit of £35,000 and another £1.01 million payable on the granting of planning consent. Harringay Stadium's net book value is £750,000 and net profits last year were £90,000.

GRA says that, until the planning position is clear, it cannot commit itself as to how the profits on the sale will be used but says most will be ploughed back into its business. The company stands to land a windfall gain from the abolition of development land tax to which it would have been liable on changing Harringay Stadium into a retail development.

GRA's track at Slough, Berkshire, is also up for sale and White City in north London was sold to Stock Conversion for £1.7 million.

The Harringay sale hinges on the attitude of Harringay council planning committee.

The council may insist on a new road, a replacement dog track, and public as well as private housing on the site before it will agree to the supermarket. Commercial Property column, pages 20 and 21



Sir Hugh Fraser: first main-board involvement since dismissal.

Fraser makes comeback at Bremner

Sir Hugh Fraser has been appointed non-executive chairman of the Glasgow general warehouseman, Bremner. It is his first main board involvement with a public company since he was dismissed as chairman of House of Fraser in 1981.

Mr Michael Black who, with associates, has built a stake of just over 28 per cent in the company, is also joining Bremner as managing director and chief executive.

Mr Bryan Gould, the shadow trade secretary, suggested that further inquiries should be made into the alleged "brokers' bid" for House of Fraser, but Mr Alex Fletcher, the junior trade and industry minister, said the Government planned on the takeover.

Ports lose £6.4m in disputes

By Jonathan Davis, Business Correspondent

Associated British Ports, Britain's largest ports operator, plunged into loss last year under the combined impact of the coal strike, two national dock strikes and a protracted shutdown of its container terminal at Southampton in a dispute over manning and pay levels.

The annual results yesterday show that the company, which became private two years ago, made a pretax loss of £6.4 million against the previous year's £14.5 million profit. The coal and dock strikes cost £12 million in lost revenue, and the company has made provision for more than £10 million of severance payments. Its workforce has been cut from 8,600 at the start of 1984 to fewer than 7,000 now, with the bulk of the jobs going at Southampton, which started back in business last month after the management's successful showdown with the unions.

Mr Keith Stuart, the chairman, said yesterday that he was looking for a substantial recovery in profitability this year, a view which has been underlined by the decision to pay an unchanged 8.5p dividend for last year, despite the losses.

Cater Allen pays £2.4m for Three Quays

By Peter Wilson-Smith, Banking Correspondent

Cater Allen, the discount house, is paying £2.4 million to Sedgwick Group for the business of Three Quays Underwriting Management, one of the management agency businesses which the insurance broking group is obliged to sell off under the divestment clause in the Lloyd's Act. If profits exceed an agreed level, Sedgwick will receive further payments.

Three Quays is managing agent for the F.R. White syndicate at Lloyd's run by Mr Richard Hazell. With a capacity of about £80 million, it is one of the largest non-marine syndicates.

The acquisition is unusual for a discount house and believed

to be the first example of divestment to a company not involved with Lloyd's or insurance.

Cater, which disclosed profits of £4.8 million in 1983-84, already has investment management and banking subsidiaries in Jersey and is involved in financial futures broking. It also plans to apply to become a gilt market maker, providing it finds terms acceptable.

Three Quays made pretax profits of £1.1 million in 1984. Allowing for the fact that 20 per cent of future profits will go towards staff bonuses, Cater is paying only about five times historic earnings for the business.

Dilemma over Brazil

From Patrick Knight, Sao Paulo

Brazil's new financial team has presented the IMF and the banks with a dilemma, by stating that the country is not prepared to sign agreements which all parties concerned know cannot be possible work.

The acting president, vice-president Jose Sarney, said he anticipates negotiations with the IMF starting in three months, as time is needed to prepare an agreement which can be fulfilled.

The private banks, which agreed in principle with the previous administration to reschedule \$45.3 billion of Brazil's \$100 billion debt. Over a 16-year period, are pressing for negotiations to be concluded, so this agreement can be implemented.

Brazil has repaid no principal this year and owes banks several billion dollars.

Jackson agrees to £32m bid

Williams Holdings, contested takeover bid for its fellow engineering concern J. & H. B. Jackson has ended peacefully. The Jackson board threw out the original offer worth £24 million but yesterday agreed terms on a new bid worth £32 million.

The directors have agreed to accept in respect of their 10.9 per cent shareholdings. The terms of the latest offer value each Jackson share at 133p.

The bid for Jackson which specialises in metal merchanting, plastics and forgings, marks three years of aggressive acquisitions by Williams. Foundries and Engineers in 1982 and Garford-Liley Industries, the aeronautical engineers, in 1983.

CEMENT-ROADSTONE

The placing of 15.6 million new ordinary shares at 64p is also completed.

MARKET SUMMARY

STOCK MARKETS

FT Ind Ord	355.5 (-12.9)
FT AAR Share	615.51 (-14.64)
FT Govt Securities	80.85 (-0.02)
FT SE 100	1,274.8 (-12.0)
Bargains	26,906
Dataseam USM	112.73 (-0.91)
New York	1,284.13 (-1.54)
Dow Jones	1,284.13 (-1.54)
Tokyo	12,883.28 (+53.40)
Nikkei Dow	14,503.85 (+19.19)
Hong Kong	203.3 (-1.1)
Sydney: AO	837.8 (+8.7)
Frankfurt	1191.5 (-3.5)
Commerzbank	272.78 (+11.39)
Paribas CAC	215.7 (+2.4)
Zurich	340.40 (+1.2)
SKA General	340.40 (+1.2)

MAIN PRICE CHANGES

Consultants (C&F)	50 +10
Cookson Grp	840 +57
Senior Eng	255 +24
Wm Morrison	240 +20
Newman Ind	33 +3
Audio Fidelity	28 +2
Weeks Ass	16 +1
A&M Hire	19 +1
Win Cook	38 +3
Camford Eng	37 +5
Lon & Nthn Grp	37 +5
Sunrise Cos	147 +10
Offield Inspect	110 +0
Stoddard Hldgs "H"	11 -1
Select TV	13 -1
Accorn Comp	26 -2
Rotaprint	51 -6
3-month Treasury	147 -10
Sutcliffe, Sorn	30 -2
Blue Circle Ind	488 -28

CURRENCIES

London:	£1.2120 (+0.0038)
DM	3.7850 (-0.0162)
Sfr	3.2070 (-0.0050)
FF	11.5500 (-0.06)
Yan	306.95 (-0.15)
Index	77.1 (+0.2)
New York:	£1.2165
DM	3.1210
Sfr	147.42 (-0.5)
ECU	8.96118
SOR	20.811893

INTEREST RATES

London:	Bank Base: 13 1/4 - 15%
3-month Interbank	13 1/4 - 15%
3-month eligible bills	12 1/4 - 12%
buying rate	
US:	Prime Rate 10.50%
Federal Funds	8 1/4 - 9%
3-month Treasury	8 1/4 - 8 1/2%
Long bond	9 1/4 - 9 1/2%
yield	

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INTERIM FINANCIAL STATEMENT (UNAUDITED) FOR THE HALF-YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER, 1984

	Half-year to 31st December, 1984	Half-year to 31st December, 1983
	£000's	£000's
Group Turnover excluding inter-company sales	169,478	147,029
Scotch Whisky Division	138,402	134,300
Hotel Division (Note 1)	11,796	18,151
Glass Container Division	18,151	15,756
Transport Division	3,043	2,876
Wellington Importers - U.S.A. (Note 1)	4,762	
Intra Group Trading	176,154	152,932
	(6,676)	(5,903)
Group Operating Profit	169,478	147,029
	21,362	18,714
Scotch Whisky Division	18,668	18,430
Hotel Division (Note 1)	2,166	30
Glass Container Division	162	113
Transport Division	364	
Wellington Importers - U.S.A. (Note 1)	364	
Intra Group Trading	21,360	18,748
	(28)	(34)
Interest Receivable and Income from Investments	21,362	18,714

WALL-STREET

Dow starts on low note

New York (Ap-Dow Jones) — Wall Street shares remained lower in moderate early trading yesterday.

The Dow Jones industrial average was down 3.64 points at 1,267.04. Declining issues have widened their lead over advances to a better than seven to five ratio.

The transportation average was down 4.32 points and the utilities average was unchanged.

Benjamin Kopits of Guilford Securities in Chicago said: "It is a tough market to read, as soon as good news comes out it is counteracted by bad news."

Among the NYSE-listed stocks outperforming the Dow index Hilton Hotels was up 6% at 70 1/4, although it had been ahead more than 9 points.

The company said it was advised by Golden Nugget that it plans to make a \$72 a-share offer for about 27.4 per cent of Hilton's shares owned by the estate of Conrad N. Hilton an amount it considers inadequate.

CBS was up 1 1/4 at 108. MCI Communications, while acknowledging that it met an investment banker Kopits of Guilford Securities in Chicago said: "It is a tough market to read, as soon as good news comes out it is counteracted by bad news."

Todd Shipyard was down 5 1/4 at 30 1/4 after the Defence Department's announcement that it had awarded a \$322 million contract to design and build the lead ship of a new class of guided missile destroyer to Bath Iron Works.

Price Waterhouse: Under the new executive structure, Mr. Howard Hughes becomes the firm's first managing partner; Mr. Tim Holt becomes director of professional services and marketing; Mr. Alan Wheatley

COMMODITIES

LONDON COMMODITY PRICES

Commodity	Unit	Price
Gold	1000 gms	321.25
Silver	1000 gms	251.25
Platinum	1000 gms	1000.00
Palladium	1000 gms	1000.00
Rhodium	1000 gms	1000.00
Iridium	1000 gms	1000.00
Osmium	1000 gms	1000.00
Vanadium	1000 gms	1000.00
Niobium	1000 gms	1000.00
Tantalum	1000 gms	1000.00
Vanadium	1000 gms	1000.00
Niobium	1000 gms	1000.00
Tantalum	1000 gms	1000.00

LONDON METAL EXCHANGE

Dec	100 lbs	115.00
Jan	100 lbs	115.00
Feb	100 lbs	115.00
Mar	100 lbs	115.00
Apr	100 lbs	115.00
May	100 lbs	115.00
Jun	100 lbs	115.00
Jul	100 lbs	115.00
Sep	100 lbs	115.00
Oct	100 lbs	115.00
Nov	100 lbs	115.00
Dec	100 lbs	115.00
Vol	100 lbs	115.00
SUGAR		
May	100 lbs	111.6-111.6
Aug	100 lbs	114.8-114.8
Oct	100 lbs	117.4-117.4
Dec	100 lbs	122.4-122.4
Mar	100 lbs	135.4-135.4
Jun	100 lbs	141.6-141.6

STOCK MARKET REPORT

Brokers take a dim view of profits in electrical sector

By Derek Pain

Electrical shares were dull yesterday as analysts shaved their profit forecasts. A number of leading brokers have decided that the time is ripe to revise their predictions and with the market so unsettled and desperately short of inspiration they added to the gloom which already shrouds this tortuous three week account.

Racal Electronics tumbled 10p to 196p as Wood Mackenzie held its profit forecast for the year just ended at a depressed £125 million - but cut its estimate for the current year by £10 million to £135 million.

The reduction reflects worries about aspects of Racal's American operations.

General Electric Co has also to contend with a trimmed forecast - this time by Feilding, Newton-Smith and Co, the broker.

Analysts Mr Marshall Whitting and Mr Ray Bowden, have trimmed their figure for 1984/5 by £15 million to £740 million. The present year prediction has been pulled back £30 million to £830 million.

Messrs. Whitting and Bowden said: "GEC cannot escape the trading difficulties in world markets and until such time as these markets pick up, the outlook for earnings is for steady rather than accelerating growth."

Other brokers have been busy revising their estimates for the electrical groups. In most cases the cut backs have been modest. But it was not only electricals which performed poorly yesterday. The market as a whole was again dispirited and the FT 30 share index fell 12.9 points to 956.5 points. It has now fallen almost 46 points since the account got underway.

The more broadly based FT-SE share index finished 12 points down at 1,374.8 points.

It was a poor day for the two newcomers, Sharrock, a new issue at 100p, opened at 92p

and Siatrom, with a 175p striking price, started at 170p and then managed to hit 175p.

Blagden Industries, returned to market after its European acquisition, at 111p. This compared with a 130p striking price.

Tricentral, the oil group thought to be in the takeover sights of Enterprise Oil, came to life in late trading. After drifting most of the day off a few coppers it climbed to about 138p, up 2p on the day.

Glaxo Group, down 40p at 1050p yesterday, is expected to produce profits of at least £160 million (against £117.4 million) when it reports later this month. Hopes are running high that the "heavyweight" share of the FT 30 share index will be slung through a bonus issue.

Government stocks were subdued. After hovering around overnight levels for much of the day they experienced a late burst of activity, suffering falls of 2½ or so.

Blue Circle Industries continued to retreat on thoughts that it had paid too much for its American acquisition. The shares fell 28p to 488p.

Hawthorn, the protective clothing group, eased ½p to 19½p. The company, which has its broker, Grieson, Grant and Co. This year's profit is expected to approach £1.5 million against £1.1 million.

The company, once the maker of dental equipment and then a merchant bank, has been reshaped and now, besides protective clothing, is involved in safety equipment and takes in the Gul Wet Suits business and as property interests.

Consultants (Computer and Financial) had a fine day following a City cocktail party on Tuesday evening. The shares jumped 10p to 40p.

The confused picture over interest rates, with Barclays Bank and Midland Bank clip-

ping base rates by a mere ¼ of one per cent, left bank shares looking off colour.

International stocks were uneasy as the dollar weakened again and financial year-end considerations were another factor to help ensure that the market turned in a lacklustre display.

The P and O shipping group weakened 10p to 34½p as it disclosed its 8 per cent "boarded" stake in Ocean Transport and Trading which after touching 192p finished 1p higher at 190p.

Insurance shares had a poor session with the 25 per cent profit dip hurting Guardian Royal Exchange down 28p to 66½p. The failure of the long mooted bid for Commercial Union to appear left the shares 2p lower at 211p.

Sun Alliance closed off their worst after better-than-expected figures but still suffered a 16p fall to 465p.

Cookson Group was the star turn of the day. It jumped 67p to 640p on its bumper figures and one-for-one bonus.

British Aerospace, as the big share sell was launched fell 20p to 413p.

Mr David Tattersall, former finance director of Tootal and now with Henry Cooke, Lumsden, the broker, believes shares of Davison International, the single limited garments group, are a good long term buy at 28½p. He forecasts profits of £33 million for the year just ended and £37.5 million next year.

Foods remained firm. William Morrison, the supermarket chain, led the way with a 20p gain to 240p following its figures. But Tesco was in demand, gaining 6p to 253p and Hillards rose 6p to 334p.

Beers were undecided, a little weaker following the disappointing February figures. But Grand Metropolitan put on 5p

to 286p. The shares have been flat lately with interim profits expected to be below last year's corresponding performance because of the problems in America.

Scottish and Newcastle Breweries was unchanged at 130p, with its bid target, Matthew Brown down 3p at 445p. The Scottish offer document was published last night. The company has increased its Brown shareholding to 13.1 per cent buying 20,000 shares at 443.5p each and another 50,000 at 445.5p.

Senior Engineering gained 2½p to 25½p on its 33 per cent profit uplift. Weir Group rose 3p to 57p on its 39 per cent profit advance but A. E. Electronics slipped 8p to 435p on its figures.

Logica, the computer house, was 12p better following its results, announced on Tuesday.

Foster Brothers Clothing Co. advanced 6p to 218p as the Sears Holding bid was cleared. Fashionwear chain Albert Martin Holdings gained 2p to 63p as it disclosed a 37 per cent profit uplift.

The £70 million rights issue led Lasse 20p lower at 328p. Falcon Resources lost 12p to 437p and Ultramar was unchanged at 243p after touching to 246p.

Vadla Pollen, the public relations group, rose 20p to 500p reflecting its recent Dutch acquisition and Connells, the estate agents, put on 5p to 120p ahead of figures next week.

Grattan, the mail order group, was 4p stronger at 178p after a brokers' lunch.

Gold shares were bright, up to 52 higher.

John Crowther Group, jumped 6p to 62p on speculative demand and Blockleys put on 2p to 56p following its 33 per cent profit gain. Thomas Robbison, the engineering business, also came in for a cheerful run, jumping 11p to 63p in a thin market.

TEMPUS

Insurers complete gloomy picture

The last two composite insurers to report their 1984 results, Guardian Royal Exchange and Sun Alliance have clearly found a good performance last year as elusive as the others.

GRE's were below expectations and Sun Alliance's result, which includes Phoenix for the first time, shows a 35 per cent drop in pretax profits.

Looking on the bright side of its results, GRE points out that it has turned in the highest pretax profit, £92.2 million, of any composite in 1984. The nearest rival is the mighty Prudential with £78 million. This is a significant achievement even though it represents a 25 per cent fall from the £122.1 million profit in 1983. The Prudential limited its own profits fall to 22 per cent.

The overall underwriting loss grew from £63.5 million to £111.2 million. Most of this came from the British market where losses more than doubled.

Having cut the workforce in half over the last five years - down to around 4,000 - the company can look forward to the rest of this year without the burden of seeking further closures or job losses.

It has been a grim battle, but to Weir's credit it has survived in markets which are both competitive and depressed. The company is still some way off a spectacular recovery but it has now established a compact and solid base.

The pretax profits reported yesterday, of £6.8 million (against £4.9 million) must be regarded as an indication of genuine progress. The associate companies contributed an extra £2 million to profits in the year, but this must be set against a very poor 1983 performance.

More encouraging was the increase in profits from the engineering division, although this was almost entirely offset by downturns in the other two divisions.

The way ahead will not be easy. However, the group is making a concerted effort to exploit its strengths by emphasizing engineering skills rather than products.

Both engineering services and consultancy offer opportunities for expansion although products will not be ignored.

Weir has demonstrated that it is possible to make money by spotting a gap in the market and developing the product to fill it.

The downturn pump, developed in association with some of the leading oil companies, is a good example of this approach and it could become a significant profit earner.

The shares close up 3p at 57p. There will be little by way of short-term excitement, but progress should still be solid.

Now that all the composites have reported it is clear that 1984 was one of the worst years ever. But insurance premium rates in almost all areas of business are improving rapidly at last. And so far this year, according to GRE, the weather has been kind. Cautious optimism over the 1985 results of most composites now seems justified.

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It was a poor day for the two newcomers, Sharrock, a new issue at 100p, opened at 92p

and Siatrom, with a 175p striking price, started at 170p and then managed to hit 175p.

Blagden Industries, returned to market after its European acquisition, at 111p. This compared with a 130p striking price.

Tricentral, the oil group thought to be in the takeover sights of Enterprise Oil, came to life in late trading. After drifting most of the day off a few coppers it climbed to about 138p, up 2p on the day.

Glaxo Group, down 40p at 1050p yesterday, is expected to produce profits of at least £160 million (against £117.4 million) when it reports later this month. Hopes are running high that the "heavyweight" share of the FT 30 share index will be slung through a bonus issue.

Government stocks were subdued. After hovering around overnight levels for much of the day they experienced a late burst of activity, suffering falls of 2½ or so.

Blue Circle Industries continued to retreat on thoughts that it had paid too much for its American acquisition. The shares fell 28p to 488p.

Hawthorn, the protective clothing group, eased ½p to 19½p. The company, which has its broker, Grieson, Grant and Co. This year's profit is expected to approach £1.5 million against £1.1 million.

The company, once the maker of dental equipment and then a merchant bank, has been reshaped and now, besides protective clothing, is involved in safety equipment and takes in the Gul Wet Suits business and as property interests.

Consultants (Computer and Financial) had a fine day following a City cocktail party on Tuesday evening. The shares jumped 10p to 40p.

The confused picture over interest rates, with Barclays Bank and Midland Bank clip-

ping base rates by a mere ¼ of one per cent, left bank shares looking off colour.

International stocks were uneasy as the dollar weakened again and financial year-end considerations were another factor to help ensure that the market turned in a lacklustre display.

The P and O shipping group weakened 10p to 34½p as it disclosed its 8 per cent "boarded" stake in Ocean Transport and Trading which after touching 192p finished 1p higher at 190p.

Insurance shares had a poor session with the 25 per cent profit dip hurting Guardian Royal Exchange down 28p to 66½p. The failure of the long mooted bid for Commercial Union to appear left the shares 2p lower at 211p.

Sun Alliance closed off their worst after better-than-expected figures but still suffered a 16p fall to 465p.

Cookson Group was the star turn of the day. It jumped 67p to 640p on its bumper figures and one-for-one bonus.

British Aerospace, as the big share sell was launched fell 20p to 413p.

Foods remained firm. William Morrison, the supermarket chain, led the way with a 20p gain to 240p following its figures. But Tesco was in demand, gaining 6p to 253p and Hillards rose 6p to 334p.

Beers were undecided, a little weaker following the disappointing February figures. But Grand Metropolitan put on 5p

to 286p. The shares have been flat lately with interim profits expected to be below last year's corresponding performance because of the problems in America.

Scottish and Newcastle Breweries was unchanged at 130p, with its bid target, Matthew Brown down 3p at 445p. The Scottish offer document was published last night. The company has increased its Brown shareholding to 13.1 per cent buying 20,000 shares at 443.5p each and another 50,000 at 445.5p.

Senior Engineering gained 2½p to 25½p on its 33 per cent profit uplift. Weir Group rose 3p to 57p on its 39 per cent profit advance but A. E. Electronics slipped 8p to 435p on its figures.

Logica, the computer house, was 12p better following its results, announced on Tuesday.

Foster Brothers Clothing Co. advanced 6p to 218p as the Sears Holding bid was cleared. Fashionwear chain Albert Martin Holdings gained 2p to 63p as it disclosed a 37 per cent profit uplift.

The £70 million rights issue led Lasse 20p lower at 328p. Falcon Resources lost 12p to 437p and Ultramar was unchanged at 243p after touching to 246p.

Vadla Pollen, the public relations group, rose 20p to 500p reflecting its recent Dutch acquisition and Connells, the estate agents, put on 5p to 120p ahead of figures next week.

Grattan, the mail order group, was 4p stronger at 178p after a brokers' lunch.

Gold shares were bright, up to 52 higher.

John Crowther Group, jumped 6p to 62p on speculative demand and Blockleys put on 2p to 56p following its 33 per cent profit gain. Thomas Robbison, the engineering business, also came in for a cheerful run, jumping 11p to 63p in a thin market.

Seven Day Notice Deposit Account

Williams & Glyn's Bank announces that the following interest rates apply:

Customers not affected by C.R.T.			Customers affected by C.R.T.		
Gross Rate % per annum	Net Rate % per annum	Gross Equivalent Rate % per annum to a basic rate tax payer	Gross Rate % per annum	Net Rate % per annum	Gross Equivalent Rate % per annum to a basic rate tax payer
10.00	7.47	10.67			

Interest is paid quarterly. Rates are subject to variation but are correct at time of going to press

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Traded option highlights

Commercial Union, the insurance group, was again active on the traded option market yesterday. There were 954 calls and just 29 puts in the stock.

General Electric Co attracted 665 calls and 245 puts and British Telecom 283 calls and 379 puts. The gilt contract collected 83 calls and 257 puts.

All told the market experienced a total of 5,736 bargains, most of them calls.

STAG FURNITURE Final 1p making 2.75p (5.25p) for this year to December 28. (Figures in £000.) Turnover 34,774 (36,948). Pretax profit 607 (1,907). Tax 134 (709). Extraordinary profit 1,984 (nil). Loss attributable 1,532 (1,198) profit. Earnings per share pre-extraordinary items 2.5p (12.2p) and post extraordinary items loss 22.4p (earnings 12.2p).

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The worldwide construction group reports on 1984.

Points from the statement of Mr JWH Morgan F Eng, Chairman.

- Increase in profits, despite setbacks in U.S.A.
- Liquidity and order book up.
- Outlook encouraging.
- Dividend increased by 10%.

The final dividend of 7.0p will be paid on 1 July 1985.

	Year ended 31 December	
	1984	1983
Turnover	£68.7	£75.3
Profit before tax	27.1	26.1
Profit after tax	19.5	18.0
Earnings per share	28.8p	27.9p
Dividends per share	11.0p	10.0p

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A YEAR OF PROGRESS IN MANY FIELDS OF CANCER RESEARCH.

The Imperial Cancer Research Fund carries out about one-third of all cancer research in this country - and it is only the generous financial support of the general public that makes this possible. Extracts from the recent Annual Report are published here to update supporters on progress.

DAVID INNES WILLIAMS
CHAIRMAN OF COUNCIL

It is very gratifying to be able to report once again a year of steady progress in the many fields of cancer research in which we are engaged. Much of the fundamental science is carried on within the Lincoln's Inn Fields laboratories, but the Oncogene Unit at Dominion House (St. Bartholomew's) is now fully operational, the Tumour Immunology Unit at University College, London, continues its major contribution and the newly built laboratories at South Mimms will add greatly to our capacity for basic studies.

Clinical Research
Away from the laboratory but in close co-operation with it, ICRF is deeply involved in clinical research, aimed at the early diagnosis and cure of established cancer. We have recently increased our commitment in the Medical Oncology Unit at St. Bartholomew's. The Breast Unit at Guy's Hospital, though under pressure as a result of NHS cuts, will be reinforced by the new Professorial Department of Clinical Oncology which we have endowed, while the ICRF Unit at the Western General Hospital, Edinburgh, is actively engaged in the development of better, safer anti-cancer drugs.

The Cyclotron which was purchased for the Clatterbridge Radiotherapy Centre near Liverpool was officially inaugurated by Princess Alexandra in July last year and is now operational. Two other initiatives, the Colo-rectal Research Unit at St. Mark's and the Histopathology Unit at the Royal College of Surgeons, are already in full swing.

Research Obligations
Looking at the broader fields of Medicine and Science, it must be a matter of grave concern that the government funding of research through the Medical and other Research Councils is now severely constrained. At the same time the National Health Service is entering a period of great financial stringency, limiting the capacity of our hospitals to provide for the investigation and care of cancer patients. The Medical Research Councils, of which ICRF is in the forefront, have therefore a major responsibility for maintaining the impetus of medical and biological science in Britain.

We need to be selective in supporting the most promising investigators as well as the areas most likely to yield important results. These obligations we gladly acknowledge and our benefactors can be assured that the importance of general policy is not overlooked in our concern with the immediate and the particular. On the clinical front, we must always be conscious

that however great the need for immediate care for the cancer sufferer, it is in the long term only research which will show us the means of prevention and enable us to offer a better chance of cure.

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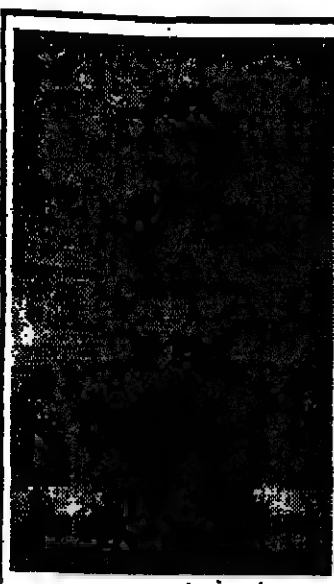
Arlington Securities profits up 156%

Arlington Securities, the business park developer, has increased pretax profits for the year ended December 31 by 156 per cent to £2.43 million. The company is set to go ahead with a full Stock Exchange listing in the autumn or early next year. Arlington has five business parks under way with a sixth recently agreed.

The latest venture is a 19-acre site at Frimley, next to Junction 4 of the M3 motorway which Arlington intends developing with 340,000 sq ft of space. The site is south east of Reading and west of Heathrow airport. Arlington has a 50 per cent stake in the project, the other half being owned by an institution.

The company has bought 90 acres near Gatwick airport for which it has made an application to develop another business park. Arlington says that the Department of the Environment has indicated that its site next to Birmingham's National Exhibition Centre will be allocated for business park use.

Arlington is undertaking this project with a local developer the Hayward Group on what is at present green belt land, so the DoE's indications on re-zoning



Beatles club shopping centre wins award

Cavern Walks, Royal Life's £9 million retail and office centre in Mathew Street, Liverpool, has won the International Council for Shopping Centres' 1985 award for the best small shopping centre in Europe. The award was presented, at the tenth annual ICS conference in Madrid on Monday, to Mr David Malcolm, the chief investment manager of Royal Insurance. Cavern Walks is built on the site of the Cavern Club where the Beatles began their career. It has 24,000 sq ft of shopping with 72,000 sq ft of office above.

are critical to its development.

Industrial property owned by institutions is holding up well against the lacklustre state of the industrial market. The latest survey by Hillier Parker, the firm of chartered surveyors, covering last year, shows that the void rate was 3.1 per cent of the value of its sample of £1.32 billion of institutional industrial property. A void is defined as

property which is non-income producing. The figure for 1983 was 2.7 per cent. The agents attribute that stability to the fact that institutions hold the better quality industrial space. The amount of empty space as opposed to voids in the Hillier Parker portfolio is 8.4 per cent, the same level as the previous year, indicating that the market has stabilised. An

unexpected finding in the survey is that voids were lower in 10-year-old buildings, than in new ones.

Evidence suggests that the void level drops with age although the agent says this could be due to the fact that institutions sell older buildings.

New schemes, of which the institutions hold 12.7 per cent in their portfolios, showed a high void rate of 30 per cent and it was the larger lands which held most new property. Voids were highest in medium-sized buildings between 3,000 sq ft and 20,000 sq ft.

Hillier Parker says there is a polarization in the market with demand for modern warehouses and factories on a large scale and a thriving market for small business premises.

Redditch Development Corporation ended its 21-year life this week when its assets were handed over to the Commission for the New Towns, which took control of the industrial and commercial assets of The Skelmersdale and Northampton new towns.

The Commission, chaired by Sir Neil Shields, was set up in 1962 to take control of new towns which had completed their development and where the

development corporations were to be wound up.

Since 1979 government policy has been to sell the assets of these towns and the latest figures released by the Commission shows that it has sold £56.6 million of property in the year ended March.

Private firms of chartered surveyors are used to advise the Commission on sales and it has just appointed three more firms to deal with the new towns, which came into this month. Chesire Gibson is to handle Redditch's property, with Dunlop Heywood dealing with Skelmersdale and Weatherall Green & Smith acting Northampton.

The town centre in Redditch has already been sold. Commercial Union Assurance and the Shell Pension Fund which developed the centre on a long lease, bought the freehold for £17 million. The remaining assets will now lie in the hands of the Commission. The three new towns will bring the Commission 3,000 acres of land, 500 acres for development, 1,210 acres for residential development and 9.5 million sq ft of commercial and industrial space.

Tesco is to build a £25 million shopping centre in London's Docklands at Surrey Quays on the south side of the river near Rotherhithe. The 226,000 sq ft covered centre will have an 80,000 sq ft superstore parking for 1,300 cars, a petrol station and unit shops.

The new scheme will serve the surrounding area as well as the 5,000 new homes being built at the Quay. It is due for completion in 1987. Tesco was a rival contender for the site, owned by the London Docklands Development Corporation, with J Sainsbury, Healey & Baker and Debenhams Tawson & Chinnocks is the letting agent.

Interest rates on Deposits

Account	Customers not affected by CRT		Customers affected by CRT	
	Gross Rate % per annum	Net Rate % per annum	Gross Equivalent Rate % per annum	
Savings Account/Rainbow Savings Account/Cashline Deposit Account (Repayable on demand. Interest calculated on minimum monthly balance. Interest paid annually.)				
Balances of £1,000 and over	10.00	7.47	10.67	
Balances of £500-£999	8.00	5.98	8.54	
Balances of less than £500	6.00	4.48	6.40	
Investment Account (Repayable at 28 days' notice. Interest paid quarterly)	11.00	8.22	11.74	
Interest paid monthly	10.75	8.03	11.47	
Seven Day Deposit Account (Repayable at 7 days' notice. Interest paid quarterly)	10.00	7.47	10.67	
High Interest Deposit (Terms of 1-7 years. Rates variable and not fixed for term. Interest paid quarterly)				
5-7 years	12.25	9.15	13.08	
4 years	12.00	8.97	12.81	
3 years	11.75	8.78	12.54	
2 years	11.50	8.59	12.28	
1 year	11.25	8.40	12.01	
Deposit Receipt (Repayable on demand. Interest paid when encashed.)	10.00	7.47	10.67	

Rates correct as at 2 April 1985. All these interest rates are subject to variation. *The Gross Equivalent Rate is what the Interest Rate is actually worth to a basic rate tax payer.

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Results for 1984

Subject to audit the results of the Guardian Royal Exchange Group for the year ended 31st December 1984 are as follows:

	1984	1983
	£m	£m
Investment Income	202.7	178.5
Less Interest Payable	16.0	11.0
	186.7	167.5
Underwriting Results		
Short-term (Fire, Accident and Marine)	(111.2)	(63.5)
Long-term	16.7	18.1
	(94.5)	(45.4)
Profit before taxation	92.2	122.1
Less taxation	34.9	51.6
Profit after taxation	57.3	70.5
Less Preference dividend and Minority Interests	3.0	3.6
Profit after taxation available to Ordinary shareholders	54.3	66.9
Ordinary Dividends		
Interim 8.5p per share	13.4	12.2
Proposed Final 17.5p per share	27.5	23.9
Total	40.9	36.1
Profit transferred to Retained Profits	£213.4m	£230.8m
Earnings per Ordinary share (after taxation)	34.5p	42.6p

Results by Territories (before taxation)

	1984			1983		
	Net Premiums	Underwriting Result	Investment Income	Net Premiums	Underwriting Result	Investment Income
	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m
Australia	123.4	1.2	16.7	89.3	0.4	11.6
Canada	107.6	(11.5)	16.0	80.9	(5.2)	13.5
Germany	178.6	(7.0)	21.0	150.5	(6.7)	18.7
Republic of Ireland	24.9	(1.6)	4.5	19.5	(4.2)	4.7
South Africa	43.1	(2.1)	5.0	41.0	(0.7)	4.6
U.K.	410.7	(60.0)	75.0	389.0	(26.7)	77.1
U.S.A.	166.7	(19.1)	18.5	113.2	(10.7)	9.3
Miscellaneous	183.6	(11.1)	32.0	158.5	(9.7)	28.0
	1,238.6	(111.2)	186.7	1,041.9	(63.5)	167.5

The territorial results are stated after reinsurance protection from group companies including protection under the worldwide stop loss arrangements. The 'Miscellaneous' underwriting result includes this reinsurance in respect of the territories shown opposite:

	1984	1983
	£m	£m
Australia	0.4	(1.9)
Canada	2.7	2.2
South Africa	—	0.5
United States	(6.7)	0.1
Others	(3.5)	(2.0)
	(7.1)	(1.1)

Exchange Rates								
	1984	1983		1984	1983		1984	1983
Australia	1.40	1.61	Germany	3.65	3.96	South Africa	2.30	1.77
Canada	1.53	1.81	Rep. of Ireland	1.17	1.28	U.S.A.	1.16	1.45

Guardian Royal Exchange plc acquired the entire issued ordinary share capital of Guardian Royal Exchange Assurance plc on 9th November 1984. To reflect the substance of the transaction, the above results include the results of the Guardian Royal Exchange Assurance Group for 1984 and the corresponding results for 1983 are stated accordingly.

Trading conditions showed a marked deterioration in the second half of the year which affected particularly our Northern American operations, while the United Kingdom showed a continuation of their poor half year trend. The deterioration arose from an increasing frequency of claims and inadequacy of premium rates generally rather than major catastrophes. In comparison with 1983, improved underwriting results were achieved in Australia, Hong Kong and the Republic of Ireland.

The effect of underwriting results on cash flow has restricted the growth in investment income.

Long-term business profits for 1984 are marginally lower since they do not include any special bonus which for 1983 amounted to £4.0m.

Written premiums and investment income have increased

by 19% and 11% respectively. During 1984 and with the exception of the South African Rand sterling has weakened against the currencies of the major territories in which the Group operates; in local currency terms written premium growth was 10% and investment income growth was 5%.

Dividend

The Directors recommend the payment of a final dividend which, with the interim dividend paid in January 1985, will constitute an increase of 13.0% compared with the dividend paid by Guardian Royal Exchange Assurance plc in respect of the year 1983.

If approved at the Annual General Meeting to be held on 29th May 1985 a payment at the rate of 17.5p per share (gross equivalent 25.0p) in respect of the final dividend will be made on 3rd July 1985 to holders of Ordinary shares whose names appear on the register at 3 p.m. on 31st May 1985.

making, with the interim payment in January last, a total of 26.0p (1983: 23.0p) per share (gross equivalent 37.14p; 1983: 32.86p).

The audited Annual Report and Accounts will be posted to shareholders on 2nd May 1985 and subsequently delivered to the Registrar of Companies.

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SUN ALLIANCE INSURANCE GROUP

RESULTS FOR 1984

The audited group results for 1984, including those of Phoenix Assurance plc which became a subsidiary on 17th August 1984, are set out below with the figures reported for 1983.

	Sun Alliance and Phoenix 1984	Sun Alliance 1983
	£m	£m
Premium Income		
General Insurance	1,606.7	884.8
Long-term Insurance	505.1	294.3
	2,111.8	1,179.1
General insurance underwriting loss	(198.7)	(67.4)
Long-term insurance profits	18.4	8.5
Investment and other income	227.9	132.3
GROUP PROFIT BEFORE TAXATION	47.6	73.4
Taxation	4.1	26.3
GROUP PROFIT AFTER TAXATION	43.5	47.1
Minority interests	6.5	1.1
GROUP NET PROFIT FOR YEAR	37.0	46.0
Adjustment to exclude net loss incurred by Phoenix prior to acquisition	4.0	—
PROFIT ATTRIBUTABLE TO SHAREHOLDERS	41.0	46.0
DIVIDEND	30.6	27.6
PROFIT RETAINED	10.4	18.4
EARNINGS PER SHARE	20.8p	23.3p
DIVIDEND PER SHARE	15.5p	14.0p

TERRITORIAL ANALYSIS OF GENERAL INSURANCE RESULTS

	Sun Alliance and Phoenix 1984		Sun Alliance 1983	
	Premium Income	Underwriting result	Premium Income	Underwriting result
	£m	£m	£m	£m
United Kingdom & Ireland	669.3	(83.2)	601.8	(30.5)
Europe	184.5	(11.5)	160.5	(15.6)
U.S.A.	272.1	(35.0)	203.2	(30.4)
Canada	105.1	(16.2)	78.4	(0.2)
Australia	53.6	(6.7)	40.9	(9.4)
Other overseas areas	141.0	(17.0)	116.7	(1.2)
Reinsurance	36.9	(22.0)	69.2	(33.4)
Marine and Aviation (worldwide)	144.2	(7.1)	119.8	(5.6)
	1,606.7	(198.7)	1,390.5	(126.3)
			884.8	(67.4)

* Separate 1983 figures for the two groups combined for comparison purposes only.

GROUP ACCOUNTS - CONSOLIDATION OF PHOENIX

The Phoenix's results for 1984 reflect certain changes made to conform with Sun Alliance accounting policies. On this basis Phoenix incurred a net loss of £4.0m for the 7½ months' period prior to acquisition compared with a reported estimated net profit of £4.6m for the 6 months ended 30th June, 1984.

The Group results for the year include an exceptional post-acquisition profit of £15.1m arising from the termination of the Phoenix's liabilities on its withdrawal from the Continental Corporation's U.S.A. pool.

Including this exceptional U.S.A. credit the consolidated pre-tax profit of Phoenix for 1984 amounted to £21.3m; after charging taxation and minority interests its net profit was £12.6m.

GROUP UNDERWRITING RESULTS

General business premium income increased by 15.5% in sterling terms. After adjustment for the effect of changes in exchange rates the increase was 7.4%.

At Home, property results were seriously affected by heavy fire losses, increased subsidence claims and the severe weather early in the year; motor experience was also highly unsatisfactory and there was a significant increase in claims frequency.

In Europe, better results were achieved in Belgium, Denmark and Germany but in France and Holland there were again increased losses.

The poor results in the U.S.A. reflected market conditions and commercial lines were especially unprofitable.

In Canada, increasingly adverse underwriting conditions resulted in heavier losses in most classes; changes in legislation affecting bodily injury claims also contributed to a severe deterioration in the automobile account.

The above statement is a summary of the year's results. The full Report and Accounts, which contain an unqualified Report of the Auditors, will be posted to shareholders on 26th April, 1985 and delivered to the Registrar of Companies after the Annual General Meeting. 3rd April, 1985.

In Australia, where experience remains largely unfavourable, the result suffered from heavy fire losses and from flooding in Sydney. Weather claims also adversely affected a number of territories including New Zealand and South Africa.

The reduced inwards reinsurance loss reflects the measures already taken to curtail this class of business.

LONG-TERM INSURANCE

Substantial growth was achieved in individual pensions business which to some extent offset the impact of the abolition of tax relief on life assurance premiums.

Shareholders' profits totalled £18.4m compared with the combined Sun Alliance and Phoenix profits of £15.9m for 1983 — an increase of 16%.

INVESTMENTS

Investment income was reduced by the financing costs of the Phoenix acquisition, amounting to some £1.4m. Allowing for this and for changes in exchange rates the underlying growth was 10.1%. The Group's solvency margin again benefited from good stock market performance in many parts of the world and notwithstanding the acquisition of Phoenix's business stood at 79% at the end of the year.

DIVIDEND

The Directors have resolved to declare at the Annual General Meeting on 22nd May, 1985 a total dividend for 1984 of 15.5p per share. An interim dividend of 5.75p per share was paid on 7th January, 1985 and the final dividend of 9.75p per share will be paid on 5th July next.

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Non-Manufacturing	28	...	1.7	10	5.1
New Construction	28	...	1.7	10	5.1
Services	28	...	1.7	10	5.1
Wholesale	28	...	1.7	10	5.1
Retail	28	...	1.7	10	5.1
Food	28	...	1.7	10	5.1
Health	28	...	1.7	10	5.1
Education	28	...	1.7	10	5.1
Government	28	...	1.7	10	5.1
Finance	28	...	1.7	10	5.1
Insurance	28	...	1.7	10	5.1
Real Estate	28	...	1.7	10	5.1
Transportation	28	...	1.7	10	5.1
Utilities	28	...	1.7	10	5.1
Other	28	...	1.7	10	5.1
Total	546	...	13.4	80	43.2

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Parry Dock	254	4.1	1.8
Crown Transport	341	20.0	3.9
P & O Ltd	341	20.0	3.9
Repsol	17	2.6
Rumohr (Walker)	17	..	..	..	2.7
Turnbull Scott	810	..	..	11.4	3.7

SHOES AND LEATHER					
FF	208	..	..	8.8	4.1
Gerrard Booth	227	..	..	15.1	4.0
Hendon Sess	230	..	..	..	8.0
Laurence Howard	230	..	..	2.3	8.0
Newbold & Burns	108	..	..	4.6	8.8
Peard	108	..	..	4.6	8.8
Strong & Pether	139	..	..	5.7	4.5
W. H.	139	..	..	5.7	4.5

TEXTILES				
Alfred Yord	500	11.4	2.2	18.3
Albino Snow	125	4.7	0.5	18.4
Blue Luster	125	4.8	0.1	18.5
Blue/Green	25	1.1	0.1	18.6
Dr. Michael	121	4.8	0.8	17.7
Bulmer & Lamb	10	6.4	0.6	17.8
Clayton Inc.	20	6.4	0.3	17.1
Cole's Petcare	63	7.7	0.9	16.9
Cowich	62	7.7	0.4	16.4
Cosmoval	63	7.7	0.6	16.7
Crown [4]	73	8.2	0.4	16.8
Diamond	278	10.7	3.9	17.8
Elbow Dry	185	5.6	3.0	17.9
Don Davis	200	7.1	3.0	17.2
Eastman	100	7.1	0.1	17.3

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TOBACCOES					
BAT	360				
Imports	162	+7	147	43	64
Revenue '8	175	-3	122	67	103
			68	51	44

* Ex dividend. * Ex alt. * Forecast dividend. * Corrected price. * Interim payment posted. * Price at suspension. * Dividend and interest include a special payment. * Bid for company. * Pre-merger figure. * Forecast earnings. * Ex capital distribution. * Ex rights. * Ex acris or share split. * Tax free. * Price adjusted for late dealings. . . No significant data.

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GENERAL APPOINTMENTS

The complexion of the trade union movement is changing. Twenty years ago two out of every ten trade union members affiliated to the TUC were white-collar employees - now nearly four out of every ten will be managers and professional staff.

If recent evidence is anything to go by, an increasing number will be. A survey of British Institute of Management members found that about a quarter were union members. The TUC already has among its members qualified scientists, reluctant to join trade unions. Some had ambitions to create bodies, or to adapt existing bodies, to regulate their work and conditions of employment in much the same way as professional bodies in medicine and the law regulate their professions.

Others had a particular perception

of their responsibility to their employers preventing them from employers will not in the main concede to professional bodies the right to fix terms and conditions for their members. Professional employees in industry have the same contractual relationship with their employers as other groups of employees.

Moreover, as many managers have found to their cost, they are not immune to job loss, redundancy and unemployment. These managers have learned the hard way that the interests of employer and employee diverge sharply at particular times.

There are still opponents to the idea that professional employees should join TUC-affiliated unions. It is often argued that the TUC is dominated by manual workers and therefore does not represent the views of professional workers.

But white-collar unions, which include within their membership a significant number of professional

More white-collar employees than ever are realizing the value of unions, says Norman Willis, TUC general secretary



staff and managers, have recently increased their representation and their influence on the TUC general council and its committees.

Critics have also argued that membership of a union affiliated to the TUC commits an individual to supporting the political activities of the Labour Party.

About half of the unions affiliated to the TUC are also affiliated to the Labour Party. In those which do affiliate to the Labour Party these activities generally have little bearing on a union's relationship with employers. And an individual who so wishes can avoid making contributions to the political expenses

of a union by contracting out of the union's political fund.

It is also said that if those who are in positions of responsibility join a TUC-affiliated union, they will be in membership of the same union as other employees subordinate to them. Many unions have found ways of recognizing and accommodating the varying interests and particular concerns of the different groups within their membership.

Unions have created separate sections to cater for special interest groups and, within these sections, they have in many cases established specialized services for every different kind of white-collar worker.

But unions also reflect the fact that all employees have interests in common as well as special interests and, as they represent a wide spectrum of the working population, they are able to be far more effective than organizations with only a small group of members.

The professionally qualified em-

ployee or manager has much to gain from membership of a TUC union. For example, it is very rare indeed for an organization not affiliated to the TUC, and which invariably has a small membership restricted to a small number of occupations, to be successful in obtaining recognition and negotiating rights from an employer.

By joining a TUC union an employee becomes part of an organization which has the ability through the TUC to enhance the living standards of its members. The range of issues on which the TUC and unions have policies is growing all the time. While the purpose of a trade union remains what it has always been - to safeguard and improve the living standards of its members - it is no longer possible for a union fully to carry out this responsibility solely by negotiating with employers over pay, hours and conditions.

The standard of living is not determined just by the employer. It is also determined by a whole range of government policies in the fields of employment, housing, health care, social security, education, taxation, and to industry, and many other issues. No union on its own is likely to have much influence on government.

Increasingly, professionally qualified and managerial staff are looking for a more systematic and effective way of pursuing their objectives and safeguarding their interests. For them trade unionism is proving to be the appropriate vehicle.

The growing numbers who are joining TUC-affiliated unions have not found that individual performance and personal achievement is stifled by collective organization. What they have found is that by belonging to a union they can exercise a greater influence on those issues which materially affect their working lives.

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Application forms from London Borough of Hammersmith and Fulham (Personnel), Town Hall Extension, King Street, Hammersmith, W6 9JL, telephone 01-741 0904 (24 hour answering service) quoting ref. H.M.3. Closing date: 17 April 1985.

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PUBLIC APPOINTMENTS ☎ 01-278 9161/5

Secretary The Institute of Marine Engineers

An experienced manager is sought to fill the post of Secretary of this professional institute and to manage its assets (both physical and financial), administration and staff, in accordance with policies laid down by its Council. Other responsibilities include liaising with the Institute's branches at home and worldwide, as well as with external organisations and other learned societies. The brief will include proposing policies to enhance the standing, activities and membership of the Institute, which will celebrate its centenary in 1989. The vacancy arises from the retirement of the present incumbent. Candidates must have at least a first degree in marine engineering or a related field and experience at a senior level of management. Valuable attributes would be an understanding of company law, accounting practices or educational systems, as well as experience of reporting to or working on committees. A salary of not less than £18,000 is offered, and benefits include a non-contributory pension scheme, 25 working days' leave, permanent health insurance and membership of BUPA. Write enclosing curriculum vitae, marking the envelope Private and Confidential, to: J. Stuart Robinson, The Institute of Marine Engineers (SE), 76 Mark Lane, London EC3R 7JN.

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Thursday

Television and radio programmes
Summaries: Peter Dear and Peter Daville

Good Friday

BBC 1

- 6.00 **Celebs AM.**
6.50 **Breakfast Time** with Frank Bough and Salina Scott. Weather at 6.55, 7.25, 7.55, 8.25, 8.55 and 9.10; regional news at 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30 and 9.00; sport at 7.20, 7.45 and 8.20; a review of the morning newspapers at 8.37. Plus, Zoe Brown's teenage cookery advice; Heather Couper's guide to the night sky in April; and Richard Smith's phone-in clinic.
- 9.20 **Battle of the Planets.** 3.40 **Agitation Saz.** Cartoon adventures (r). 10.05 **Why Don't You?** (r). From the People's Palace, Glasgow Green. 10.30 **Play School.** 10.50 **Cartoons.**
- 11.05 **Bonanza.** Ben Cartwright meets an unexpected problem when the new school opens in the Ponderosa (r).
- 11.50 **Wildfire on One.** David Attenborough narrates a programme about the capybara or Orinoco Hog (r) (CeeFax). 12.15 **The Gospel According to St John.**
- 12.30 **News After Noon** and **Weather.** 12.57 **Regional news** (London and SE only). Financial report followed by news headlines with subtitles.
- 1.00 **Pebble Mill at One.** 1.45 **Sumption (r).**
- 2.00 **Film: The Charge of the Light Brigade (1936)** starring Errol Flynn and Olivia de Havilland. Glamorous version of life in the British 27th Lancers from 1850 until the infamous Charge. Directed by Michael Curtiz. 3.15 **Regional news.**
- 3.55 **Mop and Smiff.** 4.10 **How the Engine (r).** 4.15 **Jigsaw (r).** 4.30 **Bananasman (r).** 4.35 **Dogman and the Three Weekends.** 4.55 **John Craven's Newsround.** 5.05 **Blue Peter** previews London's **Harness Horse Parade** (CeeFax).
- 5.35 **Dr Kildare.** The final episode of the drama about patients on a kidney machine (r).
- 6.00 **News.** 6.35 **London Plus.** 7.00 **EastEnders.** Mary is brought at the disappearance of her baby with Ethel (CeeFax).
- 7.30 **Top of the Pops.**
- 8.00 **Only Fools and Horses.** The last in the series and Dai has an infallible get-rich-quick scheme - he thinks (CeeFax).
- 8.30 **A Question of Sport.** Bill Beaumont and Emyr Hughes are joined by Lucinda Green, Todd Bennett, Erik Gundersen and Garth Crooks.
- 9.00 **News and weather.**
- 9.25 **I Woke Up One Morning.** The four inmates of the drying-out clinic decide to have a stag week-end.
- 9.55 **Question Time.** Donald MacCormack's panel is Professor Jean Milne, Donald Trefail and Mrs. Norman Tebbit and John Prescott.
- 10.55 **Rockschool.** Advice for the aspiring rock musician.
- 11.20 **The Gospel According to St John (r).**
- 11.30 **Ted.** Elaine is offered a job in Seattle and asks her colleagues for advice.
- 11.55 **Weather.**

Radio 4

- On long wave, also VHF stereo.
- 6.55 **Shipping.** 6.55 **News Briefing.** 7.00 **Farming.** 7.25 **Prayer.**
- 8.30 **Today.** Including 8.30, 7.30, 8.30 **News.** 8.45 **Business News.** 8.55, 9.55 **Weather.** 7.00, 8.00 **News.** 7.25, 8.25 **Sport.**
- 9.00 **Ray Gosling - in the House of George Galway** (organisation committed to raising money for the relief of poverty and hunger).
- 9.30 **News.** 9.55 **News.** 10.00 **News.** 10.05 **Week Talk** with Robert Foxcroft.
- 10.45 **The Queen** distributes the Royal Maundy at a service in Ripon Cathedral, Yorkshire.
- 12.00 **News.** You and Yours.
- 12.27 **Just a Minute** with Kenneth Williams, Peter Jones, Barry Cryer, Tim Rice and Nicholas Parsons (r). 12.55 **Weather.**
- 1.00 **The World at One.** News.
- 1.40 **The Archers.** 1.55 **Shipping.**
- 2.55 **News.** 3.00 **News.** 3.05 **News.** 3.10 **News.** 3.15 **News.** 3.20 **News.** 3.25 **News.** 3.30 **News.** 3.35 **News.** 3.40 **News.** 3.45 **News.** 3.50 **News.** 3.55 **News.** 4.00 **News.** 4.05 **News.** 4.10 **News.** 4.15 **News.** 4.20 **News.** 4.25 **News.** 4.30 **News.** 4.35 **News.** 4.40 **News.** 4.45 **News.** 4.50 **News.** 4.55 **News.** 5.00 **News.** 5.05 **News.** 5.10 **News.** 5.15 **News.** 5.20 **News.** 5.25 **News.** 5.30 **News.** 5.35 **News.** 5.40 **News.** 5.45 **News.** 5.50 **News.** 5.55 **News.** 6.00 **News.** 6.05 **News.** 6.10 **News.** 6.15 **News.** 6.20 **News.** 6.25 **News.** 6.30 **News.** 6.35 **News.** 6.40 **News.** 6.45 **News.** 6.50 **News.** 6.55 **News.** 7.00 **News.** 7.05 **News.** 7.10 **News.** 7.15 **News.** 7.20 **News.** 7.25 **News.** 7.30 **News.** 7.35 **News.** 7.40 **News.** 7.45 **News.** 7.50 **News.** 7.55 **News.** 8.00 **News.** 8.05 **News.** 8.10 **News.** 8.15 **News.** 8.20 **News.** 8.25 **News.** 8.30 **News.** 8.35 **News.** 8.40 **News.** 8.45 **News.** 8.50 **News.** 8.55 **News.** 9.00 **News.** 9.05 **News.** 9.10 **News.** 9.15 **News.** 9.20 **News.** 9.25 **News.** 9.30 **News.** 9.35 **News.** 9.40 **News.** 9.45 **News.** 9.50 **News.** 9.55 **News.** 10.00 **News.** 10.05 **News.** 10.10 **News.** 10.15 **News.** 10.20 **News.** 10.25 **News.** 10.30 **News.** 10.35 **News.** 10.40 **News.** 10.45 **News.** 10.50 **News.** 10.55 **News.** 11.00 **News.** 11.05 **News.** 11.10 **News.** 11.15 **News.** 11.20 **News.** 11.25 **News.** 11.30 **News.** 11.35 **News.** 11.40 **News.** 11.45 **News.** 11.50 **News.** 11.55 **News.** 12.00 **News.** 12.05 **News.** 12.10 **News.** 12.15 **News.** 12.20 **News.** 12.25 **News.** 12.30 **News.** 12.35 **News.** 12.40 **News.** 12.45 **News.** 12.50 **News.** 12.55 **News.** 13.00 **News.** 13.05 **News.** 13.10 **News.** 13.15 **News.** 13.20 **News.** 13.25 **News.** 13.30 **News.** 13.35 **News.** 13.40 **News.** 13.45 **News.** 13.50 **News.** 13.55 **News.** 14.00 **News.** 14.05 **News.** 14.10 **News.** 14.15 **News.** 14.20 **News.** 14.25 **News.** 14.30 **News.** 14.35 **News.** 14.40 **News.** 14.45 **News.** 14.50 **News.** 14.55 **News.** 15.00 **News.** 15.05 **News.** 15.10 **News.** 15.15 **News.** 15.20 **News.** 15.25 **News.** 15.30 **News.** 15.35 **News.** 15.40 **News.** 15.45 **News.** 15.50 **News.** 15.55 **News.** 16.00 **News.** 16.05 **News.** 16.10 **News.** 16.15 **News.** 16.20 **News.** 16.25 **News.** 16.30 **News.** 16.35 **News.** 16.40 **News.** 16.45 **News.** 16.50 **News.** 16.55 **News.** 17.00 **News.** 17.05 **News.** 17.10 **News.** 17.15 **News.** 17.20 **News.** 17.25 **News.** 17.30 **News.** 17.35 **News.** 17.40 **News.** 17.45 **News.** 17.50 **News.** 17.55 **News.** 18.00 **News.** 18.05 **News.** 18.10 **News.** 18.15 **News.** 18.20 **News.** 18.25 **News.** 18.30 **News.** 18.35 **News.** 18.40 **News.** 18.45 **News.** 18.50 **News.** 18.55 **News.** 19.00 **News.** 19.05 **News.** 19.10 **News.** 19.15 **News.** 19.20 **News.** 19.25 **News.** 19.30 **News.** 19.35 **News.** 19.40 **News.** 19.45 **News.** 19.50 **News.** 19.55 **News.** 20.00 **News.** 20.05 **News.** 20.10 **News.** 20.15 **News.** 20.20 **News.** 20.25 **News.** 20.30 **News.** 20.35 **News.** 20.40 **News.** 20.45 **News.** 20.50 **News.** 20.55 **News.** 21.00 **News.** 21.05 **News.** 21.10 **News.** 21.15 **News.** 21.20 **News.** 21.25 **News.** 21.30 **News.** 21.35 **News.** 21.40 **News.** 21.45 **News.** 21.50 **News.** 21.55 **News.** 22.00 **News.** 22.05 **News.** 22.10 **News.** 22.15 **News.** 22.20 **News.** 22.25 **News.** 22.30 **News.** 22.35 **News.** 22.40 **News.** 22.45 **News.** 22.50 **News.** 22.55 **News.** 23.00 **News.** 23.05 **News.** 23.10 **News.** 23.15 **News.** 23.20 **News.** 23.25 **News.** 23.30 **News.** 23.35 **News.** 23.40 **News.** 23.45 **News.** 23.50 **News.** 23.55 **News.** 24.00 **News.**

tv-am

- 6.15 **Good Morning Britain.** presented by Nick Owen and Jayne Irving, celebrates Adam Faith's 25 years in show business throughout the programme. News with Gordon Honeycombe at 6.15, 6.30, 6.45, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30 and 8.55; sport at 8.30 and 8.55; pop video at 7.54, 8.24 and 8.54.

ITV/LONDON

- 9.25 **Thames news headlines** followed by **News at Six.** 10.25 **BMX Street.** Heat four of the UK BMX Freestyle Championships. 10.50 **Cartoon Time.** 11.00 **Wild Animal Families.** In their natural habitat. 11.10 **Fabulous Funnies.**
- 11.30 **About Britain.** The story of Dunwich on the Suffolk coast, once a prosperous town now only a collection of cottages.
- 12.00 **Footage.** A new puppet series, narrated by Peter Davison, 12.10 **News at One.** 12.30 **The Sullivan.**
- 1.00 **News at One and weather.** 1.20 **Thames news from Robin Houston.** 1.30 **Falcon Crest.**
- 2.30 **Thames news.** Sarah Kennedy chairs a studio discussion on a matter of local importance. 3.00 **Genie.** 3.25 **Thames news headlines.** 3.30 **Sons and Daughters.**
- 4.00 **Footage.** A repeat of the programme shown at noon. 4.15 **Footage.** A new 10-part series introducing letters and words to young children. 4.45 **Footage.** Children comment on their programmes. 5.00 **Dangerous.**
- 5.15 **Thames Sport** previews this weekend's Transatlantic Challenge at Donington Park.
- 5.45 **News.** 6.00 **Thames news.** 6.25 **Help! Vix Taylor** goes with news of the Paddington Integration Project for mentally handicapped students; and of the Disability Trust which arranges for physically disabled people to go on group holidays.
- 6.35 **News.** 6.55 **Thames news.** 7.00 **Emmerdale Farm.** Tom Merrick is becoming too much for Jack Sugden.
- 7.30 **Street Hawk.** Jesse Mach tries to prove that rock singer, Deborah Shaine, is not guilty of murdering her manager who was found dead outside Deborah's house.
- 8.30 **Mindiac.** Diamonde Air's Girl's Worst Enemy. Terry, playing chauffeur to Rosa Melors, has the car stolen only to be informed by Rosa that there was £100,000 worth of diamonds hidden under the back seat (r).
- 8.50 **TV Eye.** Sir Alastair Burnet interviews Dr David Owen.
- 10.00 **News at Ten and weather.**
- 10.30 **Kojak.** The detective teams up with a colleague in a murder inquiry, unaware that the other policeman is the murderer.
- 11.30 **Looks Familiar.** Denis Norden reminisces with Phyllis Calvert, Roy Hattersley and Emyr Hughes (shown previously on C4).
- 12.15 **The Seven Deadly Sins.** 12.25 **Closedown.**

Radio 3

- 6.55 **Weather.** 7.00 **News.**
- 7.55 **Morning Concert.** Sverdlov's *Novellette* Rhapsody No 3 Op 21. Palk's *Hornpipe* (r). 8.15 **Book at Bedtime.** The *Magpie* by Angela Carter. Abridged in 12 episodes (r). Read by Lynn Fingleton. 10.29 **Weather.** 10.30 **News.** 10.35 **Shipping.** VHF available in England and Wales only. Radio 4 vhf is as above except 5.55-6.00 am. 10.55 **News.** 11.00 **News.** 11.05 **News.** 11.10 **News.** 11.15 **News.** 11.20 **News.** 11.25 **News.** 11.30 **News.** 11.35 **News.** 11.40 **News.** 11.45 **News.** 11.50 **News.** 11.55 **News.** 12.00 **News.** 12.05 **News.** 12.10 **News.** 12.15 **News.** 12.20 **News.** 12.25 **News.** 12.30 **News.** 12.35 **News.** 12.40 **News.** 12.45 **News.** 12.50 **News.** 12.55 **News.** 13.00 **News.** 13.05 **News.** 13.10 **News.** 13.15 **News.** 13.20 **News.** 13.25 **News.** 13.30 **News.** 13.35 **News.** 13.40 **News.** 13.45 **News.** 13.50 **News.** 13.55 **News.** 14.00 **News.** 14.05 **News.** 14.10 **News.** 14.15 **News.** 14.20 **News.** 14.25 **News.** 14.30 **News.** 14.35 **News.** 14.40 **News.** 14.45 **News.** 14.50 **News.** 14.55 **News.** 15.00 **News.** 15.05 **News.** 15.10 **News.** 15.15 **News.** 15.20 **News.** 15.25 **News.** 15.30 **News.** 15.35 **News.** 15.40 **News.** 15.45 **News.** 15.50 **News.** 15.55 **News.** 16.00 **News.** 16.05 **News.** 16.10 **News.** 16.15 **News.** 16.20 **News.** 16.25 **News.** 16.30 **News.** 16.35 **News.** 16.40 **News.** 16.45 **News.** 16.50 **News.** 16.55 **News.** 17.00 **News.** 17.05 **News.** 17.10 **News.** 17.15 **News.** 17.20 **News.** 17.25 **News.** 17.30 **News.** 17.35 **News.** 17.40 **News.** 17.45 **News.** 17.50 **News.** 17.55 **News.** 18.00 **News.** 18.05 **News.** 18.10 **News.** 18.15 **News.** 18.20 **News.** 18.25 **News.** 18.30 **News.** 18.35 **News.** 18.40 **News.** 18.45 **News.** 18.50 **News.** 18.55 **News.** 19.00 **News.** 19.05 **News.** 19.10 **News.** 19.15 **News.** 19.20 **News.** 19.25 **News.** 19.30 **News.** 19.35 **News.** 19.40 **News.** 19.45 **News.** 19.50 **News.** 19.55 **News.** 20.00 **News.** 20.05 **News.** 20.10 **News.** 20.15 **News.** 20.20 **News.** 20.25 **News.** 20.30 **News.** 20.35 **News.** 20.40 **News.** 20.45 **News.** 20.50 **News.** 20.55 **News.** 21.00 **News.** 21.05 **News.** 21.10 **News.** 21.15 **News.** 21.20 **News.** 21.25 **News.** 21.30 **News.** 21.35 **News.** 21.40 **News.** 21.45 **News.** 21.50 **News.** 21.55 **News.** 22.00 **News.** 22.05 **News.** 22.10 **News.** 22.15 **News.** 22.20 **News.** 22.25 **News.** 22.30 **News.** 22.35 **News.** 22.40 **News.** 22.45 **News.** 22.50 **News.** 22.55 **News.** 23.00 **News.** 23.05 **News.** 23.10 **News.** 23.15 **News.** 23.20 **News.** 23.25 **News.** 23.30 **News.** 23.35 **News.** 23.40 **News.** 23.45 **News.** 23.50 **News.** 23.55 **News.** 24.00 **News.**

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